



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week don't forget that one of our Year 4 students, Alice Edgerton, will "shave for a cure". This will occur at 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. Don't forget also that 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!!!

Senior Shirts

All Year 6s are being "sized" this week for a senior shirt. Thank you to Mrs Murdoch and the teachers for organising this. If you would like to check your child's size, please see Mrs Murdoch in the data room in F block between 8:00am and 9:00am this week.

Order letters for senior shirts have been sent home today and **MUST** be returned by **NEXT MONDAY 16 MARCH**. Payment will be required before collection of the shirts which will take place approximately 4 weeks from the time of ordering.

P&C AGM

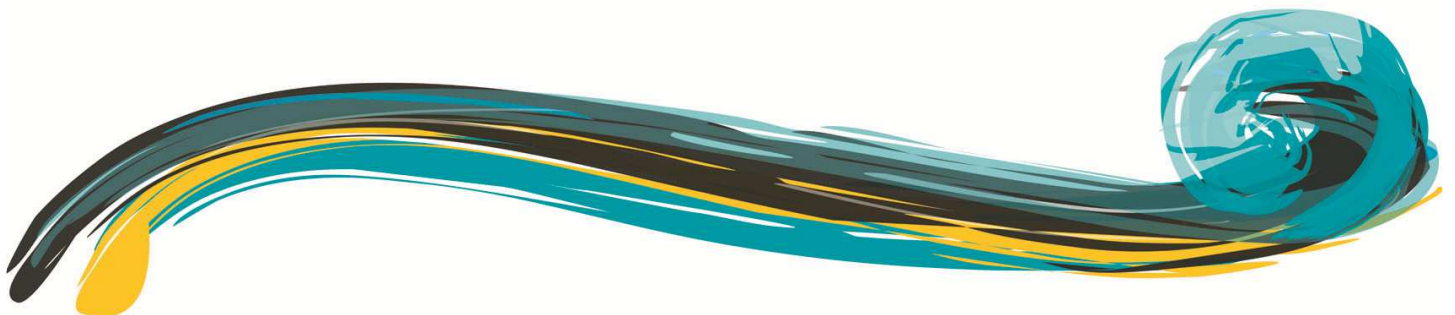
Our wonderful P&C will be hosting the Annual General Meeting next Tuesday in the staffroom commencing at 7:00pm. All new and "old" parents are very welcome to attend the meeting where a new executive will be elected. I particularly encourage new families to our school to get involved in the P&C. This is a fantastic way to meet other committed parents and make a real difference to the ongoing improvement of your child's school. I repeat...**ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND**.

Overton Circuit

Once again I am prompted to remind the school community that parking illegally and unsafely in the areas surrounding our school causes grief for our neighbours and puts children's lives in danger. Please be a considerate member of our school community by:

- Parking only in designated areas.
 - Parking against the kerb **NOT** in the middle of the road.
 - Parking against the kerb **NOT** on our neighbours' lawns.
- Police are aware of the situation and conduct regular patrols in our school zone.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal



In this age of technology into which our children have been born, they are often more knowledgeable and skilful in using computers than we are.

There are many things parents can do to help and guide their children in safely using the Internet even though they may be less knowledgeable about how to actually access and use the Internet themselves.



Parents need to talk to their children about a number of things:

- 1. The House Rules** – establish rules about the amount of time they are permitted to spend online and when they can do it eg. after homework, when chores are done, after some outside activity etc.
- 2. Stranger Alert** - your children already know about not talking to strangers. You need to remind them that people on the Internet that they don't know are strangers too and they must not give out any personal information. Ensure their email address doesn't give their name; have them use a "pen" name or their pet's name etc. instead.
- 3. Place the computer in a central place** where there is plenty of family activity and you can monitor your child's work. A computer in a child's bedroom is out of sight.
- 4. Surf the net together** so you can explore and assess the sites visited together.
- 5. Teach your children** what to do if someone says something inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable, on-line. Encourage your children to tell you about anything inappropriate they come across.
- 6. Blocking and filtering software** is readily available to help prevent undesirable material entering your home via the Internet.
- 7. Do not let your child give out their email address** without your permission. Much unsolicited material can come into your home as junk mail. Often this junk mail is very inappropriate.
- 8. Never let your child use a credit card** online without your direct supervision and only when you are confident that it is a safe site.

Enjoy together the enrichment that the Internet can bring to your children's learning in a safe, positive, educational and fun way.

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	Brooklyn Pearce	3B	Zach Omar
PrepB	Ryder Boyce	3B	Nate Kimber
PrepC	Aaliyah Bourke	3C	Lachlan McConkey
PrepD	Letisha Gallagher	3C	Ashley Parrish
PrepE	Mihai Cremanaru	3D	Lara Szymanski
1A	Harry Smith	3E	Beau Wilson
1B	Krystal Ollerton	3E	Jett Lawrence
1C	Rhianna Daisy-Hart	3F/4E	Jacob Wood
1D	Leeroy Ahuriri	3F/4E	Sarah Mitchell
1E	Steven Griffiths	4B	Amelia Evans
2A	Chloe Verhaaf	4B	Rhys Bligh
2B	Darius Topp	5A	Alisha Spratt
2E	Luke Packwood	5B	Paige Stanek
2F	Ava-Lilly Cutmore	5C	Baeley Dei Rossi
3A	Ethan Johnson-Briggs	5D	Hayley Newsome
3B	Sam Conroy		

Digital Strategy



Students can now download a free copy of the Microsoft Office 365 Suite. This suite provides students with a subscription to the full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote.

After downloading, students will have the latest Office suite at home, on their personal PCs, Macs and other mobile devices (up to five in total).

To download a copy of this software, please follow the step-by-step instruction document under the 'Quicklinks' Section on our school's website.

On Thursday 19 March at 12:15pm in the Hall, Years 1-3 students will have the opportunity to experience a Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, they are providing them with the tools to stay safe.



Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. The main aim of the program is to enhance children's emotional literacy.

Topics covered throughout the show consist of "Yes" & "No" Feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

The cost of the performance is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your child's teacher. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact the Bravehearts Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending the Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact us for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Trish McEvey – Head of Curriculum

Student Resource Scheme - \$40 per student

The Student Resource Scheme is operating at Kirwan this year. There is a blue form (one per family) that will need to be completed and returned to the school with your payment. 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.

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by the end of Term 1.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Karen Finnigan. Extra forms are available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

2015 Interhouse NOVELTY Swimming Carnival

Date: Thursday 12 March
Venue: Kirwan Aquatics Centre (beside Kirwan High School)
Cost: \$3-50 (pool entry and bus fare)

Year Level	Depart School	Swimming Times	Depart Pool
Year 6	9:00am	9:10am – 9:55am	10:00am
Year 3	9:50am	10:00am – 10:45am	10:50am
Year 4	11:30am	11:40am – 12:20pm	12:25pm
Year 5	12:15pm	12:20pm – 1:00pm	1:05pm



Important points to note:

- Students will change into their swimming gear before they board the bus and change back into their uniforms when they return to school.
- **All students need to have a swim shirt to swim in. If they do not have one, they will not be able to swim.**
- **Students will also need a towel, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.**
- No food to be taken.
- No money to be taken.
- Students in Year 3 ordering lunch at first break should write on their order that they are swimming. Lunches can be collected upon their return to school.
- Students not going to the carnival will stay at school and join another class.
- **Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow**

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

- Mar 11 Carol, Sandra, Michelle
- Mar 12 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
- Mar 13 Jo, Belinda
- Mar 16 Helen, Leanne, Brett
- Mar 17 Fiona

- Please note: No foreign coins please – Orders will be substituted.
- Milkshakes - \$3 - THIS WEEK ONLY! Weds - Choc; Thurs - Strawberry; Friday - Caramel.

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

Kirwan Keepers



- 11 March Whole School Assembly – 2:00pm
- 12 March Years 3-6 Interhouse Novelty Swimming Carnival
- 17 March P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
- 19 March Personal Safety Education Program – 12:15pm in the Hall
- 20 March Prep photos published in Townsville Bulletin
- 24 March Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
- 26 March Student Council Discos
- 02 April Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
- 02 April Last Day of Term 1
- 20 April First Day of Term 2
- 27/28 April School Photos
- 23 & 24 June School Musical “The Little Mermaid”

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 24 March starting at 2:00pm in the defence room.
- Defence Holidays are holding a Holiday Expo this Sunday 15 March from 10:00am-2:00pm. The expo will be at the main gym at Lavarack Barracks. There will be over 30 exhibitors so come along for some fun. There will be competitions and prizes. If you need any holiday info for the Whitsundays, this is the place to go!
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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.



Religious Instruction

Non-Participation Advice

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

I do not wish for my child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



Congratulations to the following students who were successful in landing a lead role in the Musical.

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| Sea Chorus | Te-hani Simmons
Emily Rogers
Imogen Goldsworthy
Isaac Geue
Jayde Brown
Romisha Cham
Sienna Wallis-Hage
Tahnaya Ahlstedt
Landon Foskett-Parsons
Callum McConkey
Seraph Treffers
Dylan Haynes
Luca Yates
Mataika Sepon
Ella Shepherd
Maddison Mitchell
Georgina Watt
Samantha Smart
Shelby Sellen
Emily Funk |
| Pilot | Ameya Ransom |
| Prince Eric | Paige Stanek |
| Grimsby | Sharla Campbell |
| Seahorse | Jade Daly |
| King Triton | Belle Stanek |
| Sebastian | Elise Smith |
| Mersisters | Hinatea Robinson
Joanie Garbutt
Lara Szymanski
Paige Daly
Chloe Nielsen
Rachel Browning
Braiden Driscoll |
| Ariel | Ryan Blagg |
| Flounder | Ashleigh Partridge-Wregg |
| Scuttle | Trae Chong |
| Ursula | |
| Tentacles | |
| Flotsam | |
| Jetsam | |
| Carlotta | |
| Chef Louis | |

The Little Mermaid Jnr Rehearsal Schedule for Term 1 Week 7, 8, 9, 10

- Monday 1st Break** – Ariel, Flounder, Scuttle, Sebastian
- Monday 2nd Break** – Scene 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Tuesday 1st Break** – Ariel, Flounder, Scuttle, Sebastian, Mersisters
- Tuesday 2nd Break** – Scene 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Wednesday 1st Break** – Chef Louis, Flounder, Scuttle
- Wednesday 2nd Break** – Scene 11, 12, 13
- Thursday 1st Break** – Sebastian
- Thursday 2nd Break** – Scene 14, 15, 16
- Friday 1st Break** – Prince, Pilot
- Friday 2nd Break** – Scene 17, 18, 19, 20

Kind regards... *Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher*

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

HPE News

Attention Girls aged 7-12

The T20 Blast Cricket Program is being offered for free on our oval on Wednesdays and has **14 FREE places still available**. It usually costs \$99 a person, however Qld Cricket has a grant to have 32 girls get the whole program and package for free.

Where: Kirwan State School Oval
When: Every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:30pm. (6 weeks left of the program – suitable for ages 7-12 years).

Cost: Free for the first 32 girls – includes Brisbane Heat bag, cap and giveaways.

Contact: Simon Edge – Qld Cricket 0409.520.051

Register: simonee@qldcricket.com.au
<http://www.t20blast.com.au>

See Mrs Talbot for a flyer.



Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

