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 skillful 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 e.g. 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.

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- **Year 3**
- **Year 4**
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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

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Milkshakes - $3 - THIS WEEK ONLY!  Weds - Choc; Thu rs - Strawberry; Friday - Caramel.

Please note:  No foreign coins please – Orders will be substituted.

When – Ariel, Flounder, Scuttle, Sebastian

Break

17 March ......... P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom

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.

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

Parent/Caregiver Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Religious Instruction

Non-Participation Advice

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’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.

The Little Mermaid Jr 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.

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

Contact: Simon Edge – Qld Cricket 0409.520.051 simonee@qldcricket.com.au

Register: http://www.t20blast.com.au

See Mrs Talbot for a flyer.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher