



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Week 3 is upon us and there is little doubt that the school year is well underway.

At Kirwan, we take leadership opportunities very seriously. This week, our brand new school leaders for 2015 will be attending the GRIP leadership conference at the Mercure Inn on Wednesday. Mr Kratzmann is very much looking forward to working with our young leaders and honing skills which will stand them in good stead for life.

Our formal leadership induction ceremony will be held on Tuesday 24 February in the hall. All are welcome to attend.

PARADES IN TERM ONE

For this term we will trial having our parades in the hall for both senior and junior classes. This is in response to the extreme heat we have been experiencing in the last few weeks. Hopefully this will make our ceremonies much more pleasant.

Remember.....

- Senior parade: 2:00pm on Monday
- Junior parade: 2:00pm on Wednesday

Parents are very welcome to attend parade.

BOORI PRYOR

We have been fortunate once again to enjoy the company of our resident Author and Children's Laureate, Boori Monty Pryor. Boori has worked with the Year 3s to date, concentrating on building quality narratives and telling a story. Children's work in this program has been outstanding! We will continue to enjoy Boori's company throughout the year.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Please assist the good order and management of our school by ensuring that all after school arrangements with children are finalised in the morning prior to the commencement of the school day. While emergencies do occur and we will assist whenever we can in these circumstances, last minute reminders to children in their classroom can cause unnecessary disruption and are sometimes difficult to deliver in a timely manner. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

WRITING INQUIRY CYCLE

Next week and the week after are set aside for parent inquiry cycles. You will receive written advice this week as to when your child's teacher will be conducting this very important session for parents.

Do you know the criteria for an 'A' at your child's year level?? Come along and find out. You may be surprised!

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

Last year, I included a lot of information in regards to how you could support your child at home with reading; however there is another important skill, which our teachers will be helping teach your students to master - writing.



Writing is an essential skill that can benefit students for the rest of their lives.

Teaching students to write can support development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Writing helps children connect to the world around them, both on and off the page. Since writing requires the student to consider audience and purpose, for example, practice can help the student apply the same considerations to verbal communication.

It seems that with technology taking a front seat, some aspects of writing are slowly disappearing.

So how can you encourage your child to write?

- ⇒ Sitting with your child and writing a letter to a friend or relative can be a rewarding experience and relatives will love getting a letter.
- ⇒ If your child does some writing, read your child's writing or have them read the writing back to you and comment on the positive. (Even if the writing is messy, celebrate the positive.)
- ⇒ Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and explain how to spell words which are causing difficulty (or teach them how to use a dictionary).
- ⇒ Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.

Most importantly, foster the love of writing.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

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: _____
 Student Name: _____ Class: _____
 Student Name: _____ Class: _____
 Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

P&C Pieces

- Our first general meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- The AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C President

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	Zachariah Cutmore	3C	Brooke Smith
PrepB	Ruby Bauer	3D	Leilani Tanna
PrepC	Xavier Watson	3E	Kassandra Craigie
PrepD	Amelia Everingham	3F/4E	Shane Smiley
PrepE	Audrey Tarca	3F/4E	Joanie Garbutt
1A	Isabel Szymanski	4A	Jayella Cohen
1B	Jackie McCallion	4B	Nathanael Nicol
1C	Ella Savage	4B	Kaylee Steel
1C	Yusuf Mohideen	4C	Emily Young
1D	Seth Werbel	4D	Zoe Brown
1E	Toby Manders	5B	Reece Hall
2A	Cindy Cheadle	5D	Liam Austen
2B	Matthew Antoniutti	5D	Aiesha Mohideen
2C	Shaine Blinkhorn	6A	Imogen Goldsworthy
2D	Olivia Hansen	6A	Elissia Noble-Clark
2E	Rihann Steven	6C	Jack Murdoch
2F	Zoe Burgess	6C	Tyler Boyce
3A	Brodie Streeter	6C	Aiden Dotta
3B	Noah Oxford	6D	Callum McConkey
3C	Hirani Steven		

Alert about a head lice outbreak.

Head lice are back!

The school needs your quick action.
Can you please ...

- read the note sent home, and
- return the tear-off slip on the next school day.



If you have any doubts, need help or would like further information please contact the school.

If we don't hear from you we may approach you to offer support.

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing...

- at least once a week; or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.



If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness.

Remember to notify the school.

Stigma associated with head lice

Remember that ANYONE can catch head lice.

Let's have a school that keeps head lice under control by:

- talking freely about head lice;
- notifying the school about the presence of head lice (get your copy of notification forms from the school); and
- feeling comfortable about requesting further information and support.



Kirwan Keepers



17 February	P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
24 February	Leaders Induction Ceremony
24 February	Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
12 March	Interhouse Novelty Carnival
17 March	P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
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”

Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 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

Student Resource Scheme - \$40 per student

The Student Resource Scheme will be 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. There will be extra forms available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

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.

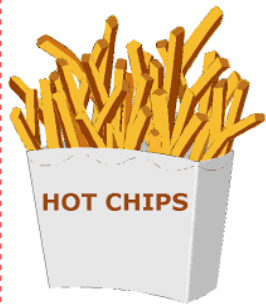


Tuckshop Talk

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

▪ **PLEASE NOTE:** We do not accept foreign currency or timezone coins.

Hot Chip Day – Friday 20 February



Tuckshop will be holding a **HOT CHIP DAY** on Friday 20 February.

\$3 per cup of Hot Chips.

Defence News

Hi everyone! Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 24 February starting at 2:00pm in the defence room. If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact us here at school by popping into the defence room or leaving a message at the office. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Music News

All instrumental lessons have started. Your child should have brought home a timetable for Term 1.

Orchestra Rehearsal - Miss Lloyd has had to change the day for orchestra rehearsal. It is now on Tuesday mornings at 7:50am.

Choir - Due to orchestra rehearsal having to be changed, Choir rehearsals have moved to Wednesday mornings at 8:00am. All instrumental students are required to attend choir this year for aural training. Any student in the school can attend. We start on Wednesday 11 February.

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



Musical rehearsals will start next Tuesday afternoon in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

- 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.

Please hand in your signed musical forms to the office before next Tuesday's rehearsal so that we know who to expect.

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

Medication at School

IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS MEDICATION HERE AT SCHOOL (eg. ventolin puffer) AND YOU HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A NEW MEDICATION FORM FOR 2015, PLEASE CALL INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO DO SO. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

Interhouse Novelty Carnival

Our Interhouse Novelty Carnival will be held for Year 3-6 students on Thursday 12 March. A letter will be sent home in the next few weeks with details. This carnival promotes participation, fun and school spirit. This is not a competitive carnival with only fun novelty events to be held in the 1m shallow area of the pool. All students can participate. Each year level will spend 45 minutes at the pool participating in the fun novelty events.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan School Access Times

Please note the following gate opening and closure times.

- All external perimeter gates:
 - will be locked daily at 4:00pm.
- Gate at rear of school (Overton Circuit):
 - Weekday mornings – Gate opened 7:45am and closed 9:30am.
 - Weekday afternoons – Gate opened 2:00pm and closed 3:45pm.
- Admin Carpark / Keyhole:
 - will be closed daily at 2:00pm.
- Bike Shed:
 - will be closed daily at 4:00pm.

Uniform Shop

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.

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

No Dogs

Can I remind the community that our school is a **NO DOG ZONE!** Thank you...



Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

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