



# KIRNEWS

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### PREP FOR 2015

As ridiculous as it may sound in June, we have already fielded a multitude of inquiries regarding Prep enrolments for 2015. It's time to get those calendars out.....

Interviews for PREP students will commence on Monday 01 September. At this interview, a member of the administration team will work individually with your child for about 20 minutes to ascertain some basic skills and knowledge. **THIS IS NOT A TEST!** There is no PASS or FAIL for the work that we do with your child. It is simply "information gathering" to assist us to group children and place them in the premium setting for their needs and abilities. Parents will need to supply the school with proof of birth date at this interview and also bring any documentation for children who have special needs or are under the care of a specialist. If your child has special needs we ask that you indicate this at the time of booking the interview so that our Head of Special Education can be present also.

**WE WILL TAKE BOOKINGS FOR AN INTERVIEW TIME SLOT FROM MONDAY 21 JULY. THIS IS THE SECOND WEEK BACK AFTER THE WINTER VACATION.**

Our PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS will be held on Thursday 30 October with two available times – 9:30am and 6:30pm. During this session which will run for approximately 1 hour, we will cover information such as day to day routines, curriculum, health and safety and answer frequently asked questions. The morning session will also include a brief school tour with our school leaders.

PREP COME AND TRY DAYS will be held on Friday 31 October and Monday 08 December (whole school transition day). These sessions which run from 9:30am until 10:50am, are a chance for your child to familiarize themselves with a prep class, meet the teachers and see themselves as "big school" people.

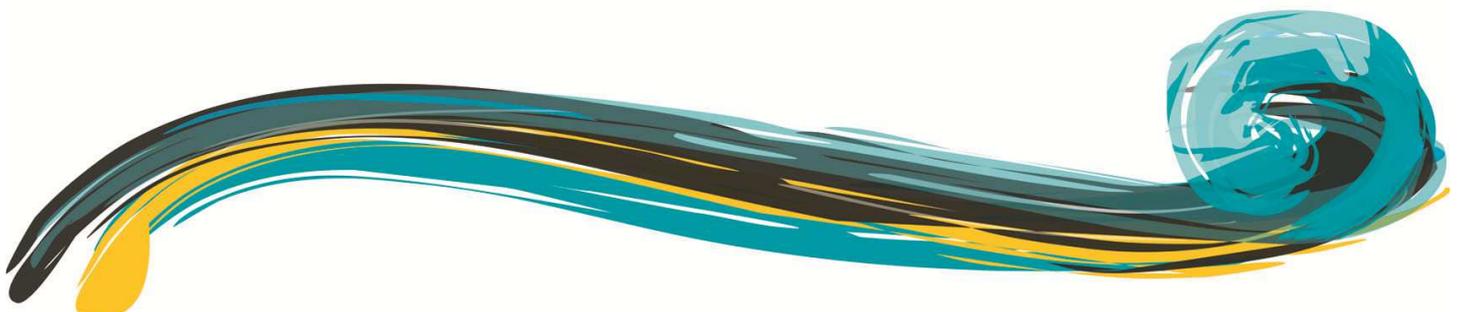
In the meantime.....if you have a child who will be turning 5 before the end of June, there are some simple things that you can start doing NOW which will ready them for PREP.

- Read to your child every day. Children who come to school with a history of regular reading are WELL AND TRULY ahead of their peers who do not know about books. Knowing things like the title, first page, first word, the way print flows – left to right – and that stories have a beginning, middle and end, and also that the pictures tell the story too, are all very important pre-reading skills.
- Start getting your child to be independent about day to day things like putting a hat on, putting sunscreen on, drinking plenty of water, putting rubbish in the bin, toileting and washing hands.
- If your child is in Kindy, ask your child's Kindy teacher if they have any concerns about your child's hearing or sight and get these checked out quickly. Children acquire language through listening initially and if their hearing is affected, then this will have a huge impact on their ability to speak, read and write.
- Talk to your child in sentences where possible and use a variety of vocabulary. Turn the TV off and sit down to a family meal. Use this time to have a positive, family conversation.
- Lastly, talk about "big school" in a positive way. Save the "horror stories" about your own schooling for a time when your children are old enough to understand some of the humour!

Regardless, I look forward to welcoming lots of new Preppies in 2015. How exciting!!

Until next week ... Kind regards

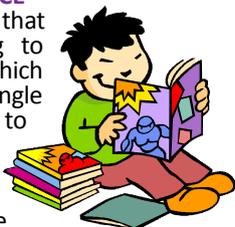
**Melissa Jackson**  
Principal



## From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

### READING EACH DAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

How is your family going with fitting in that time to read every night? According to UNESCO (the United Nations agency which promotes knowledge), the biggest single indicator of whether a child is going to thrive at school and in work is whether or not they read for pleasure. Young people who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age.



Did you know that if your child reads for 20 minutes every day, they would have read for 3600 minutes in a school year. That could equal over one million words for a small chapter book.

### Some Key Questions To Ask Each Day....

Parents knowing what children are doing at school is an important part of the child/parent/school partnership. In this busy world it is too easy sometimes to let things fly at a hectic pace without really engaging in the things that matter. Below are some worthwhile discussion starters when next sitting down with your child to talk about learning and school...

- Tell me what you are really enjoying learning about or doing at the moment?
- What are you doing really well with? How do you know this?
- What do you want to get better at? How will you do this?
- Who are your friends? Why are they your friends?
- What are your learning goals at the moment?

### VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have taken the opportunity to assist students in learning and to support teachers, by carrying out many tasks which otherwise would have to be done during teachers' lunchbreaks or before or after school. Your assistance is vital to the success of the educational programs at our school. Just a reminder: all volunteers are required to sign in and out using Volunteers' Registers located throughout the school.

*Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal*

## From the Deputy Principal – Tricia Winter

### HI EVERYONE

A big hello to all students and families at Kirwan State School. It is lovely to be back and I look forward to working with staff and students to finish off the term. We are getting closer to holidays and I think our students are very ready for their holiday break. Please continue to check in with your student regarding their assessment and deadlines. Just a reminder also that attendance is very important. Missed school time means missed educational opportunities. Every minute counts.



### YEAR 6/7 CAMPS

Teachers are working hard to prepare for our upcoming Year 6 and 7 camps (11 August). Paperwork for the camps has been going home over the term. Those students attending Mungalli will be receiving forms to complete over the next couple of weeks. We ask that you complete the paperwork and return it as soon as possible. Just a reminder that if your student needs medication when on camp please ensure that it is clearly labelled with the student's name and dosage.

*Tricia Winter – Acting 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	Hamish Jarvis	2A	Brodie Streeter
PrepB	Ayce Lawrence	2B	Chloe Mackay
PrepC	Kace Toto	2C	Corey Evans
PrepD	Conor Mulilio	2D	Weston Salsbury
PrepE	Ambrose Hart	2E	Makadie Blagg
PrepF/1F	Laelani DeRuiter	3A	Daniel Leonard
1A	Maddison Jones	3A	Hailey Donald
1B	Malachi Newham	3B	Rhys Bligh
1C	Thomas Bishop	3C	Tearla Kemp
1D	Declan Cope	3C	Lincoln Cowan
1E	Jazmyn Aleo	3E	Jet Smalley

## Student Council Disco – Thursday 19 June

Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – 6:30pm-8:30pm

\$5 tickets will go on sale for the disco on Wednesday 11 June and are available from Mrs Taylor's room – H Block. Prep children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. **ALL** children attending **MUST** be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.



## HPE News

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Harley Taylor and Jonathan Alfred for making NQ U11s Rugby League team. They travel to Brisbane for the State Championships in June.

Congratulations to our girls and boys AFL teams who competed in Gold Coast Suns Cup on Monday last week. The boys team won 3 of their 4 games and missed out on a spot in the finals on a count back. The girls team made the finals against Good Shepherd and lost by 1 point. The girls were fierce and strong in all of their games. They won 3 of their 4 round games as well, but had better percentages than the boys, hence making the final. Good luck to both Good Shepherd boys and girls teams who are off to Cairns now to play in the regional finals. Some of our outstanding girls from the team were:

Willow Hills-Amory; Maddi Venning; Madison Craigie; Coee Abai and Courtney Reynolds.

### ATHLETICS NEWS

Well done to all Kirwan kids who participated in the Annual Kirwan Athletics Day. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Behaviour and good sportsmanship were outstanding. Thank you to all the teachers, aides and parents (especially the ones who worked in tuckshop/BBQ) who help make the day run smoothly.

The results were:

#### Boys Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Wilson 890, 2<sup>nd</sup> Freeman 822, 3<sup>rd</sup> Border 804, 4<sup>th</sup> Perkins 725

#### Girls Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Freeman 916, 2<sup>nd</sup> Perkins 829, 3<sup>rd</sup> Border 681, 4<sup>th</sup> Wilson 670

#### Overall Aggregate Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Freeman 2109, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilson 1952, 3<sup>rd</sup> Perkins 1944, 4<sup>th</sup> Border 1762

#### Average Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Freeman 2.56, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilson 2.37, 3<sup>rd</sup> Perkins 2.36, 4<sup>th</sup> Border 2.14

### CHAMPIONS DAY

Champions Day letters will be going home this week to let all students know who will be involved. The timetable is as follows.

The program for **Champions Field Events Day (Wednesday 18 June)** is as follows:

	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12/13 Yrs		Sprints for 7 years to 13 years
8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats for 7 years to 13 years			8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats
10:15 – 10:50	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put	10:15 – 1:00	-All 7 to 9 years back to class. -All 10 to 13 years not in field events back to class.
10:50 – 11:30	1st Break				
11:30 – 12:15	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump		
12:15 – 1:00	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals 2nd Break
1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals for 7 years to 13 years				
1:30 →	2nd Break Back to regular classes			1:30 →	Back to regular classes

Yours in sport...

*Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher*

## Congratulations

- Congratulations to Kaitlin Bitossi (Prep D) and Holly Doran (7B) who competed in the Athletics North Qld Student Games on the weekend representing Kirwan State School. Both girls did extremely well and showed the Kirwan School spirit and pride while competing. Well done girls!
- Congratulations to Jack Humphreys and Tyler Andersen who competed in the BMX Far North Qld Championships in Mt Isa this past weekend. Jack placed 7<sup>th</sup> (7FNQ) in 9 year boys and 6<sup>th</sup> (6FNQ) in 8-10 year boys cruiser. Tyler placed 7<sup>th</sup> (7FNQ) in 10 year boys and 1<sup>st</sup> (1FNQ) in 8-10 boys cruiser. Well done boys!





17 June	Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
17 June	P&C Meeting– 7:00pm in the Staffroom
18 June	Champions Day
19 June	Term 2 Disco
20 June	Music Concert – 2:00pm in the Hall
27 June	Last day of Term 2
14 July	First day of Term 3
17 July	Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
29 July	Fete Meeting– 7:00pm in the Staffroom
24 October	School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

## P&C Pieces

- The next P&C general meeting is on Tuesday 17 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!

*Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary*

## Fete - 24 October 2014

- Our next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 July at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

## Fete Sponsor Of The Week

A huge thank you to Snap Fitness for their kind donation. For all your exercise needs, please support those who support us.



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22 Herveys Range Road  
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## Tuckshop Talk

Jun 11	Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Jun 12	Leanne, Leah
Jun 13	Jo, Leanne
Jun 16	Mad Murdoch Monday
Jun 17	Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.

## Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 17 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- See you all out and about...

*Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs*

## Craft Group

The craft group ladies meet every Tuesday from 9:00am. If you are feeling crafty, please go along and join them at 79 Burnda Street, Kirwan; the more the merrier!



## Important Information About Lost Property

As we keep accumulating a huge amount of lost property we are asking parents to check for belongings as we will be donating un-named items fortnightly to charity. The Lost Property bins are located near Admin. Named items will be delivered back to students.



## Peach Program

The program called PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) is available free to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

If you would like more information about the PEACH program please free call 1800.263.519 or visit the website [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

## Music News

### MUSIC CONCERT – FRIDAY 20 JUNE

The music team and I would like to invite all parents to our end of term concert! There will be performances by the string orchestra, the concert band, and the school choir.

**WHEN:** Friday 20 June (second last week of the term)

**WHERE:** Kirwan State School Hall

**TIME:** 2:00PM – 2:50PM

Come and support our students as they perform for you.

*Thomas Curro – Music Teacher*

## Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- Our next Parent meeting will be on Thursday 17 July at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.
- Cadbury chocolates have been ordered for our next fundraiser and should hopefully arrive this week. Students will receive a box of chocolates to take home and sell to help reduce the cost of the end of year dinner dance.

## Attention Year 6/7 Parents/Caregivers

Can you please supply a school photo of your child from Prep/Year 1 to be added to the Yearbook? Please make sure that you write your child's name and class on the back of the photo so that we can return it to you. Photos can be given to the class teacher or emailed to the following addresses:

- Year 6 - Carol Stanek: [carol.stanek@bigpond.com](mailto:carol.stanek@bigpond.com)

- Year 7 - Angela Sawyer: [a.l.sawyer@bigpond.com](mailto:a.l.sawyer@bigpond.com)

## Term & Vacation Times For 2014 and 2015

2014	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	28 Jan – 04 Apr	05 Apr – 21 Apr
Term 2	22 Apr – 27 June	28 June – 13 July
Term 3	14 July – 19 Sept	20 Sept – 06 Oct
Term 4	07 Oct – 12 Dec	13 Dec – 26 Jan 2015

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

## Reminder to Parents/Carers About Your Child's Health

Kirwan State School is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports and outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on 4799.1888.

**OFFICE HOURS STRICTLY  
8:00AM – 3:30PM**