



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

You have heard me say this before, however I will continue to let people know, 'It is easy to be proud of our school'. Last week our school Administration team met with Dr Graham Foster, our Regional Assistant Director. We talked through and unpacked school planning, explicitly focusing on how we target quality teaching and learning for every student, every day. We then walked through classrooms and Graham talked with teachers, discussed their targeted approaches to teaching and the 'high yield' strategies used across the school and in classrooms.

It was very affirming to hear our teachers talk passionately about their teaching and learning and to hear the feedback from Graham about the way we do business here at Kirwan. Talk proudly about your school. I do.

Please keep in mind that we recognise that not everything is smooth sailing. Our teaching staff and Admin team are here to assist you with any concerns you may have regarding your children. Please feel welcome to meet with us to discuss, clarify and plan to solve any issues you may have.

QParents

QParents is coming...great news... Kirwan State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We will be sending our invitations for parents and carers to register for QParents in the coming weeks. QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, however it will provide another way to communicate with us. More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>.

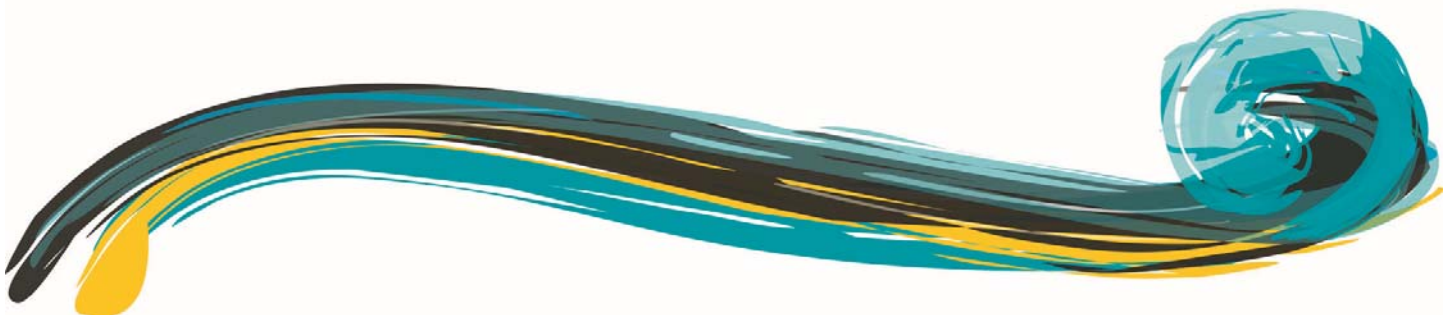
Chappy Week – Uniform Free Day - Tuesday 19 May

Our Chappy is awesome. Mrs Godwin supports our students and school in many and varied ways. Next week on Tuesday May 19, we will be having our Chappy breakfast. Delicious sausages and poppers will be for sale, Live FM will be broadcasting from our Shed area, photos of our Chappy's work will be on display and there will be much more for students to enjoy. Please support our Chappy breaky. We will be also having a uniform free day on Tuesday 19 May – gold coin donation. \$5 will enable your child to buy a sausage, a popper and provide a gold coin for the uniform free day.

See you there. Thank you for support.

Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann
Acting Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

Road Safety

Making sure your children arrive at school and get home safely are some of our major concerns – as we are certain it is yours! A big part of this is completely up to you as a parent. Please obey the road rules, particularly before and after school. We often see people double parking around the school at our Stop, Drop and Go area, pulling up in NO STOPPING zones or disabled parking zones and then beckoning their children to come running to the car. This may be quick and easy but you are putting your children in danger, blocking the flow of traffic and making it more difficult for the people doing the right thing to park and collect their children safely. Please be respectful, responsible and safe. After all – that is what we ask our children to do every day.



Parent Talk

As we progress through Term 2 and you have had the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, now is an opportune time to talk to your children about how they are going at school. The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Move beyond "fine" and "nothing" by asking your child to describe his/her world. It's also great to start the conversation with an anecdote from your own day. Try one of these conversation-starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Can you remember any of your learning intentions?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- Do you think your maths [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- How do you think you are going at school? What can I help with?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

The ultimate support system for your children is an informed and supportive family. The more informed a family is, the more seamlessly they'll connect to so many other aspects of education, from extracurricular activities and tutoring to reading programs and school-related events.

Is your child late?

If your child arrives before 9.30am, please remind your child to head straight to class. If your child arrives after 9.30am, they will need to be signed in through the office by an adult. This is for safety reasons and to ensure that, as a parent, you are aware that they are late and that they were not playing elsewhere before they arrived.

Gotchas

We already have some students with 50 Gotchas which is fantastic. This year those students will be recognised in our Kirnews and will stand up in their class line for recognition of this achievement.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal



Congratulations to TRYathletes

11 students from Kirwan State School (Kirwan) took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Riverway, Townsville on the 3rd May 2015.

These TRYathletes from Kirwan State School (Kirwan) are:

- Cowan, Lincoln
- Dotta, Aiden
- Jessica
- Jeanes, Chloe
- Lindsay, Brooklyn
- Murdoch, Jack
- Parker, Jayden
- Perfect, Layla
- Reid, Hayden
- Rogers, Emily
- Rogers, Sarah

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	Elijah Gordon	3B	Olivia Dempsey
PrepB	Scarlett Packer	3B	Lenita Williams
PrepD	Leah Kendall	3C	Kaelee Tangney
PrepE	Gemma Tate	3C	Mason Locke
1A	Ezra Welin	3E	Jai Green
1B	Beau Wood	3E	Harrison Lowe
1C	Ambrose Hart	4A	Cheyenne Weir
1D	Danae Colwell	4B	Hudson Osborne
1E	Leo Wedel	4B	Nathanael Nicol
1E	Aston Tschirpig	4C	Cage Streeter
2A	Xaviah Simonsen	4D	Bradley Broom
2B	Darius Topp	5A	Shane Thomson
2B	Amelia Brennan	5B	Braiden Driscoll
2C	Brandan Gurney	5B	Cobey Sawyer
2C	Ellie Armstrong	5D	Alannah Hansen
2D	Madison Ross	6C	William Snell
2E	Sincere Sibley	6D	Jahmai Mabo
2F	Ethan Jeffery	6D	Callum McConkey
3A	Hannah Buchanan		

50 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 Gotchas!

Pierre Jouan 6C
Violet Fraser 2E
Ashley Parrish 3C
Lara Parter 3C
Hirani Steven 3C



Chappy Week Celebration - Tue 19 May 7-9am

It is only one week to Chappy Week! Community Radio Station 99.9 Live FM will be broadcasting from Kirwan SS on Tuesday 19 May from 7:00am. There will be a Sausage Sizzle, 10-Second Talent Quest and fun activities. It will also be a Uniform Free Day (gold coin donation). All funds raised will go towards supporting Chaplaincy at Kirwan State School. Please bring some small silver coins (5c & 10c pieces) for the Coin Trail. Don't miss out on the action! See you there!



Sausages & Bread \$2
Fruit Juice Popper \$1

Trudy Godwin- School Chaplain

ICAS 2015 - Invitation for Year 3-6 Students

ALL students in Years 3–6 are offered the opportunity to participate in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) program.

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing which enables schools to identify students' levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive comprehensive hard copy and online reports on their performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. More information is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas.

In line with our focus on reading and writing this year, we have decided to target students demonstrating specific strengths in these areas. These students will be identified by their previous and current academic records and will receive a letter of offer to participate in the writing assessment competition.

In the meantime, all students have the opportunity to enter some or all of the competitions as detailed below. A permission form will be sent home with this newsletter for your use. For any further information please don't hesitate to contact Trish McEvey.

2015 SITTING DATES AND ENTRY PRICES:

- Science – 3 June 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- Writing – 15 June 2015 to 19 June 2015 (\$18.70 GST inclusive)
- Spelling – 16 June 2015 (\$12.10 GST inclusive)
- English – 28 July 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- Mathematics – 11 August 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

Defence News

- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 19 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- If you have any questions or queries regarding school or defence related matters such as defence tutoring please come in and see us or leave a message at the office.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

May 13	Carol
May 14	Leah, Leanne, Emma (½ day)
May 15	Belinda, Jo
May 18	Helen, Leanne, Brett
May 19	Fiona

- SLUSHIES ARE BACK - \$1.**
- Please make sure you are ordering from the 2015 menu.
- We do not accept foreign currency.

Kirwan Keepers



19 May	Chappy Week Celebration – 7:00-9:00am
19 May	Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
19 May	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
17 June	Athletics Day
23 & 24 June	School Musical “The Little Mermaid”
26 June	Last Day of Term 2
13 July	First Day of Term 3
17 July	Champions Day
14 August	Interschool Athletics (Red Track)

Important Information about Lost Property

All lost property will be placed out in the Tuckshop covered area on Friday morning and afternoon for collection of lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday afternoon.

As we keep accumulating a huge amount of lost property we are asking parents to check for belongings regularly 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.



Food Suggestions For Lunchboxes

There are lots of food choices available for lunch boxes. However, it can sometimes be difficult to decide which foods are healthy choices. Suggestions include:

Fruit – best choices include fresh or tinned fruit. Dried fruit is sticky and high in sugar, so have it occasionally. Best left out of the lunch box are dried fruit bars and ‘straps’, which are very high in sugar, low in fibre and stick to children’s teeth causing tooth decay.

Vegetables – try vegetable sticks with dip or a small container with mixed vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, capsicum and cucumber. Chips and packets of crisps are best left for parties and special occasions.

Milk, yoghurt and custard – include a small drink of milk (freeze overnight) wrapped in a cloth in the lunch box. Fruit yoghurts should be kept cool in an insulated lunch box. Best left out of the lunch box are ‘dairy desserts’ and flavoured milks, which are high in sugar.

Dips, cheese and biscuits – pre-packaged or your own homemade versions of cheese and crackers are fine. Children enjoy mini packaged cheeses. Avoid sweet dips such as chocolate spreads. ‘Oven-baked’ savoury biscuits are just as high in salt and fat as chips and are best avoided.

Different breads add interest – include a variety of bread, especially if children begin to lose interest in sandwiches. Try bread rolls, pita bread, flat bread, bagels, fruit loaf or buns, foccacias, scones, pikelets, muffins, crumpets, crispbreads, rice cakes or corn thins.

Vary the fillings – fillings can include vegemite or other yeast extract, peanut butter, cheese (try different types), tuna, egg, sliced cold meats, baked beans, grated carrot and lettuce, chopped roast meat with pickles or chutney, and avocado. Dips like caviar (taramosalata), eggplant, chickpea (hommus), cucumber, yoghurt (tzatziki) or spinach also make good spreads. Avoid chocolate spreads, jams and honey, and fatty meats like salami and strasbourg.

Muffins and cakes – try making your own muffins and cakes as a great way to include more fruit and vegetables. Examples include sultana, carrot, zucchini, banana or pumpkin. Donuts and creamy cakes are best offered at birthdays and special occasions instead of in lunch boxes.

Muesli and ‘breakfast’ bars – almost all ‘bars’ are too high in sugar to include regularly, but cereal bars may be better for teeth than chewy sticky muesli bars. Try to avoid muesli bars and chocolate bars in lunch boxes. These are expensive and usually stuck together with fats and sugars.

Information from [http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/\(Pages\)/Lunchbox_tips](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/(Pages)/Lunchbox_tips)

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



Musical Rehearsals

All cast members including all Prep students, have rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the hall. **Only 5 to go!**

Lead Role Rehearsals with Mrs Ransom

1st Break - (not Mon) Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 1-10

2nd Break – Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 11-20

Many lead roles still don’t know their lines – please HELP them learn them. **We only have 5 weeks left!!**

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher



P&C Pieces

- Our next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 19 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. See you there.
- Condolence – John Livingston** – We wish to advise that a condolence message has been forwarded to the Kirwan State High School on behalf of the P&C Association. A donation has also been made to the “Cure Starts Now” Brain Cancer Campaign.
- Mother’s Day Stall** – A BIG thank you to all those who assisted with the Mother’s Day Stall this year. It was a great success! We hope you all enjoyed your precious little gifts and had a lovely day. ☺

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

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.

SPORTS DAY BANDANNAS – GET IN EARLY – Purchase your sports day bandanna in your team colours from the Uniform Shop.

Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow
Embroidered with your team name - \$5 each.

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

Advertising in the Musical Program

Do you own a business? Are you looking for new ways to advertise?
Would you like to support Kirwan State School’s Musical?
Then why not advertise in our musical program!
OFFER CLOSES THIS WEEK!

This year Kirwan State School is staging a musical performance of The Little Mermaid at the Civic Theatre on 23 and 24 June. As in previous years we are producing a good quality glossy program to be sold on the night. We are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise in this program.

Pricing for an advertisement in our program is as follows:

SIZE	PRICE
9cm x 5cm	\$50
19cm x 10cm	\$100

If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please email nhamp3@eq.edu.au with your advertisement attached. We will then invoice you for your ad. **OFFER CLOSES THIS WEEK!**

Thank you for supporting our school.

Natasha Hampton (on behalf of the Musical Committee)