



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

PREPARATION FOR PREP

In two weeks' time, all members of the administration team will be engaged in interviewing potential Preppies for 2015.

If you have not been in to see the administration staff about enrolment procedures and to book an interview, now is the time to do so. If you know of families who will be seeking enrolment for their little ones who may not have heard that interviews are coming up soon, please advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

I am often quizzed by parents about what we do at the Prep enrolment interview. I know many parents are very keen for their little one to "impress" us. Here's a snapshot.....

At the interview, we will work with your child for between 10 – 15 minutes (usually) to gain as much information about their preparedness for Prep as we can. And the range of abilities and skills is enormous!! There is no "test preparation" for this interview. We check for things such as colour recognition, shapes, positional language (in front of/behind/under/on top of etc.), counting, ability to write their name, recognition of signs around our community andmost importantly, pre-reading skills – these include things like knowing where the front of the book is, knowing that the pictures help tell the story, knowing that print flows left to right and top to bottom, knowing that each group of letters makes a word etc., etc.

If there is anything you can do to get your child ready it's this:

*Reading Reading Reading every day. All the time. As much as possible.
Reading important things like the McDonalds menu and the stop sign at the intersection
AND reading fun things like your favourite story book when you tuck into bed.*

Mr Woodhouse, Miss Hallam and myself are truly looking forward to meeting our up and coming Preps very soon.

RED TRACK

My sincere congratulations to the nearly 100 children who will be representing Kirwan State School at the annual Red Track athletics carnival this Friday. Winning is great but being a good sport is even better. Best wishes and good luck.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



STUDENT CYBERSAFETY

Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety (http://www.communications.gov.au/online_safety_and_security/cyber_safety).

The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of its target audiences of children, young people and parents.

Cybersmart have a *great* website with online activities and quizzes, designed to assist and support your child with understanding how to be safe online. Please visit <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> for more information.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUIT

Mr Curro has been advertising in our newsletters about instrumental recruiting for 2015. I learnt the trumpet and piano from an early age and still play both to this day (as well as sing). I thoroughly enjoy playing them and would encourage any parents of students who are interested to speak to Mr Curro. There is extensive research about learning an instrument (some of the latest research from Northwestern University in Evanston, USA indicates 'that musicians suffer less from ageing-related memory and hearing losses than non-musicians and that lifelong musical experience has a good impact on the ageing process') and the benefits it has on learning and commitment.



Students in Year 4 are now able to learn an instrument from either the woodwind (clarinet, flute, saxophone), brass (trumpet, tuba, trombone, french-horn) or percussion family (drums and tuned percussion – glockenspiel).

Children will be tested on their choice of instrument to see if they are suited. We will then hold a parent/carer information evening in term four for those students who are successful. Places are limited in the program, and if you have any questions or if your student is interested, please see Mr Curro.

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	Jacqueline Bell	3A	Kiana Phineasa
PrepA	Kyan Valler	3A	Alice Edgerton
PrepB	Ethan Thomas	3B	Zach Shaun
PrepC	Braydon Griffin	3B	Leisha Dixon
PrepD	Dylan O'Neill	3C	Jackson Ross
PrepE	Brodie Thomson	3D	Jezzal Jawai
PrepF/1F	Nathaniel Rodway	3E	Dylan Mundy
1A	Emma Curtis	3E	Jynsi Treffers
1B	Jye Melvin	4A	Sharla Campbell
1C	Zoe Burgess	4A	Alannah Cowley
1D	Kymani Mollard	4B	Jessica Sinclair
1E	Jessica Fraser	5A	Kyrah Craigie
2A	Ezra Shield-Schumacher	5A	Jack Murdoch
2B	Isaac Voysey	5B	Jahmai Mabo
2C	Jai Green	5C	Jaidyn Wilkins
2D	Remi Harvie	5D	Daniel Reveillon
2E	Joanie Garbutt		

Prep Enrolments - 2015

Enrolment paperwork is available for collection from the office at which time an interview for you and your Prep child will be arranged.

Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015

21 July	-----	2015 Prep Bookings Open
1-19 September	-----	Prep Interviews with Admin
30 October	-----	Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
31 October	-----	Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
8 December	-----	Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In terms of educational outcomes, taking an interest in your child's learning progress is one of the most supportive things a parent can do. Far more important than an academic grade is knowledge of each student's strengths and weaknesses. It is most important that parents and carers understand what it is their child is doing well at, and what they need to learn next. An opportunity to discuss your child's progress is offered to all parents and carers in **Weeks 9 and 10 this term** (8-19 September). In a couple of cases, teachers on leave will advise of alternative dates.

This is an opportunity to engage with the teacher solely about YOUR child's progress. Some aspects of progress you can expect to discuss include:

- Reading and writing abilities in all subject areas,
- Conceptual knowledge in all subject areas,
- Individual strengths and weaknesses,
- Ways you can help your child at home,
- Social/Behavioural development.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to work together to best meet the needs of each and every individual student. Details of our online booking/appointment system for these interviews will be sent home shortly. For more information please contact either of our Deputy Principals or your class teacher.

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal



Have you paid all of your school levies??
(Student Resource Scheme & LEM Phonics Books)

Red Track Training Sessions & Information

Students are expected to attend as many training sessions as possible for the events they have been selected for. Please see Mrs Talbot if students cannot attend training sessions. Junior Sprint Training is for our 7-9 year olds and Senior Sprint Training is for our 10-13 year olds.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5 starting 11 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield	RED TRACK

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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11-15 August	Year 6 & 7 Camp Week
15 August	Red Track Athletics Day
19 August	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
26 August	Defence Parents Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
26 August	Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
1-5 September	Father's Day Stall
1-19 September	Prep Interviews with Admin
5 September	Uniform Free Day
8 September	Whole School Concert
8-19 September	Parent/Teacher Interviews
18 September	NAIDOC Celebrations Day
19 September	Last day of Term 3
07 October	First day of Term 4
24 October	School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
30 October	Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
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Defence News

Hi everyone... Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 26 August at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

P&C Pieces

- The next P&C general meeting is on Tuesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
- FATHER'S DAY STALL** – the P&C will be running a Father's Day Stall from 1/9/14 to 5/9/14. Class times will be advised closer to the date. Gifts will be priced from \$2-\$5. We will need some volunteers to help run the stall during school hours for the week. If you would like to help please email pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au with the times and dates you can help.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

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

Music News

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING

Now is the time for students to sign up for instrumental lessons for next year.

- Students currently in **Year 2** can sign up for **Stringed instruments** only.
- Students currently in **Year 3 and 4** are eligible to sign up for **Brass and Woodwind instruments**, and **Percussion instruments**.



Please see Mr Curro for an enrolment form. Forms are due back to school by week 6.

Thomas Curro – Music Teacher

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- CHOCOLATES AND MONEY are now overdue.** Please return all money and unsold chocolates ASAP.

Fete - 24 October 2014

- There are only **10 weeks** until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child's class stall and let your child's teacher know.
 - Our next fete meeting is on **Tuesday 26 August at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
 - Showbags** – An order form has been sent home for pre-ordering showbags. A selection of showbags can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$8 each prior to the fete for collection at the fete. Showbags will be available for purchase at the fete for \$10 each.
 - Rides Wristbands** – Unlimited rides wristbands will be available to purchase prior to the fete for \$30 per child every Thursday from 21 August from 8:15am to 9:00am in the shed. The wristbands will be available to buy at the fete for \$35 per child. The wristband lets your child have unlimited rides at the fete from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.
 - DONATIONS REQUIRED** – the following items are required to help make our stalls a success.
 - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)
 - Tattoos
 - Brown paper bags
 - Clear cellophane
 - Bags of balloons
 - Second-hand books
- Please leave all donations with Kim at the tuckshop. Closer to the fete we will be asking for donations of plants and cakes/sweets.



Fete Sponsor Of The Week

A huge thank you to **Genesis Fitness Thuringowa** for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.



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Tuckshop Talk

Aug 13 Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Aug 14 Leanne, Leah
Aug 15 Jo
Aug 18 Brett
Aug 19 Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies, Playwaters or Frozen Yoghurts until further notice.
- Please check you have the current 2014 Tuckshop Menu for pricing.
- Tuckshop bags are 10c each.

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm