



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

TRANSITION TO KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

As many of you would be aware, this year marks something of a watershed for Queensland State Schooling. At the end of this year, we will lose 2 cohorts of students to the Secondary Sector of education and say farewell to Year 7 in Primary School forever (it would seem).

Both secondary and primary teachers and administrators have spent considerable time and exerted much energy in preparation for this event. While the Flying Start initiatives started some 6 years ago with community consultation right across Queensland, we now see the fruits of many labours in the impressive building which is now such a feature (albeit, unfinished) of Thuringowa Drive and the Kirwan State High campus.

Kirwan State High is hosting TWO evenings in July for parents and students who are intending to enrol in Kirwan for 2015. These dates are:

- Monday 21 July for Year 7s going into Year 8 in 2015, and
- Tuesday 22 July for Year 6s going into Year 7 in 2015.

Both evenings commence at 7:00pm in The Performing Arts Block at Kirwan State High School.

I urge all parents with students in these grades to attend as the information given will be both responsive and first hand.

NAPLAN

All Year 3, 5 and 7 students have commenced NAPLAN testing today with Language Conventions and Writing.

Please note that, if your child arrives at school after 8:50am, they will need to report to the office for alternative arrangements (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week) as students may not enter the classroom once testing has commenced. Students may be provided with an opportunity to make up any tests they have missed if suitable times are available. Please note that teachers are not permitted to assist children by reading the questions to them or giving them extra time to complete the test. Each test is between 40 and 65 minutes in duration depending on the age and test subject.

I am confident that our students will do their very best. Please encourage your child to try as much as they can in the time given to them – that's all we ask.

SUPPORT OUR CHAPPY!!!

Next week is Chappy Week and our own Mrs Trudy Godwin is celebrating 10 years as the Kirwan Chappy.

Join us on Monday morning FROM 7:30am for a breakfast sausage sizzle (2 dollars for a sausage on bread and 1 dollar for a popper). We will have LIVE FM broadcasting from the school and showcasing the amazing talents of some of our students.

Bring your "little coins" (5s, 10s, 20s) to see if we can beat our coin trail record from last year.

THIS DAY IS ALSO A FREE DRESS DAY WITH A GOLD COIN DONATION TO THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM AT OUR SCHOOL. Please observe our Kirwan School Dress Code.

All are very welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you here.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Having every teacher, every classroom, every child and every member of our school community working together and focused on a common goal is very powerful. This week all students will be engaged in specific learning activities aimed at building skills around negotiating. Students will examine the 'Dos and Don'ts' around negotiation, and practise the skills necessary for playground 'win-win' situations to occur. We are very proud of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program and the explicit way targeted skills are taught, practised and rewarded. You can clearly see students working together in the playground to play fairly, solve problems and share in games. Sometimes we have our behaviour incidents to manage; however it is important to note that our goal is to train or retrain our students to make positive, constructive, worthwhile choices. Your support is essential.

WHOLE SCHOOL REWARDS DAY – CELEBRATION

To say 'thank you' to students who are making great choices consistently we plan to have a Whole School Rewards Day every 5 weeks. Students who miss out on a 'celebration' activity in one 5 week cycle, may choose to keep their noses clean to earn the next whole school reward in the following 5 weeks.

Our whole school reward day for students who have had NO major behaviour incidents is on Friday 23 May. It is a whole-school outdoor play from 1:15 – 1:30pm. Students who have had a Major Incident and do not meet the criteria for the reward day will stay in class and continue with curriculum work as per any other day.

JT'S VISIT

JT visited our school on Monday. He is our Adopt-a-Cowboy and has been for many years. As he arrived in the office, Mrs Stick (our dedicated office secretary and lead Cowboy supporter) said to JT that we didn't know if he was going to make it due to the head knock he received in the game on Friday night. JT replied that he was fine and it would take a lot more than that for him to miss his short time here with our kids. We smiled.

Mrs Newman, our Adopt-a-Cowboy co-ordinator, arranged for JT to spend some quality time with our school leaders. JT and our student leadership team joined in team building activities and discussed the importance of cooperation, working together on common goals, negotiation and leadership. What a wonderful opportunity for our students.



JT and the School Leaders after constructing clothing out of newspapers.

ARL DEVELOPMENT CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Our school league team will play our first ARL Cup game on Monday night, 19 May, at Brothers - kick off at 6:00pm against Ryan Catholic College. Thank you to all the players who trialled for this team. The ARL Development Cup is a state-wide knockout competition. If we win we continue on. Ryan has some great players and this promises to be a tough game. Your support is appreciated. Go Kirwan.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

Chappy Week Celebration Morning Monday 19 May 7:00am

Next week is Chaplaincy Week! Community Radio Station 99.9 Live FM will be broadcasting from Kirwan SS on Monday 19 May from 7:00am. There will be a Sausage Sizzle, fun activities and a special "Chappy Week" Competition. 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 & 20c 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

Fun Run Money Due Date Extension to Friday 23 May

The due date for Fun Run money has been extended to Friday 23 May. Please have all Fun Run money returned by this date.

From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

OUR GREAT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to those students who took part in the Fanfare Competition that took place last week at the Townsville Civic Theatre. The Fanfare Competition takes place every two years and is one of the biggest music competitions in the state. Our Concert Band and String Orchestra performed very well and received....

🏆 CONCERT BAND – SILVER AWARD

🏆 STRING ORCHESTRA – BRONZE AWARD

Well done to everyone involved; our students, instrumental music teachers (and parents and carers). You did Kirwan Proud!!

WHY READING TO KIDS IS A BIG DEAL

Albert Einstein was once asked what we could do to make our children smarter. He answered, "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

Increasingly the research backs him up. The more we read to our children (or provide quiet reading time for older students), the greater their vocabulary, and the better they do at school.



A 2013 study by the University of Melbourne followed more than 4,000 Australian children from pre-school to mid-primary and found the single most important predictor of overall success at school was the amount they were read to as toddlers. By age eight to nine, these children recorded higher scores in NAPLAN tests than children who went without.

The benefits were not just academic but the toddlers showed greater school readiness, a better approach to learning and better physical, social and emotional development.

As parents and teachers we know the benefits of sharing good literature with our children from Prep to Year 7 and beyond. I wonder what book you are enjoying reading to your child/children at the moment?

IN THE MORNINGS

Just a reminder that students should wait in the shed area each morning until released at 8:30am. Parents are more than welcome to sit and wait with their child. (A great idea is to read with them.) Thanks for your support.

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	Mileah Dotta	3D	Keely Blackford
PrepB	Rhianna Daisy-Hart	3E	Elise Smith
PrepC	Ashlynn McCool	4A	Chinsia Burns
PrepD	Leeroy Ahuriri	4A	Jessica Rokesky
PrepE	Sarah Talbot	4B	Sophie Little
PrepF/1F	Ella Moore	4C	Alex Price
1A	Charlotte Wood	4D	Alexis Whelan
1B	Tia Sihavong	4D	Unika Omar
1C	Heath Chapman	5A	Cody McCall
1D	Jevahntay Ahuriri	5B	Aiden Dotta
1E	Tayla Tulk	5C	Jacob Graham
2A	Isabella Finlay	5C	Ethan Craig
2B	Matthew Graham	5C	Jaidyn Wilkins
2C	Alexandra Plant	5D	Amelia Eustace
2D	Kaleb Tanner	6A	Shay-Reece Foster
2E	Isabella Gibson	6B	Haylee Baker
2E	Charlie Benz	6C	Taylah Draper
2E	Lily Clayton	6D	Stefanie Campbell
3A	Lily Savage	6E/7C	Jovana Dixon
3B	Brock Patterson	7A	Chloe Hogan
3B	Tyler McCann	7B	Nikita Tyrell
3C	Daisy Tree		

Kirwan State High School Year 7 and 8 Information Nights

Year 7 into Year 8 – Monday 21 July

Year 6 into Year 7 – Tuesday 22 July

Performing Arts Block – Commencing at 7:00pm

Book Fair – This Week

Our Scholastic Book Fair is on this week **12 May to 16 May**. The fair will be open in the **Resource Centre** from **Monday to Friday** during the following times:

8:00 – 8:45am (Monday to Friday)
1st & 2nd Breaks (Monday to Friday)
3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday till Thursday)

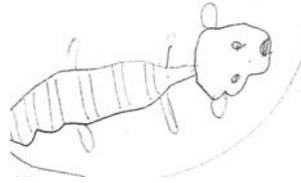


This fair will be full of fantastic titles suitable for all ages. All purchases at this fair support our school Library.

Resource Centre Staff

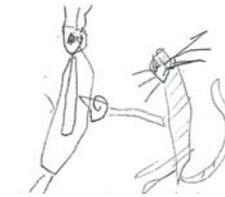
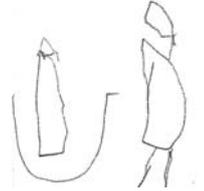
Work by Haloma Williams

Below is some drawings and a recount of a traditional Asian story "The Tiger, the Rabbit and Chung-Ho" by a student in our SEP Program, Haloma Williams 4B.



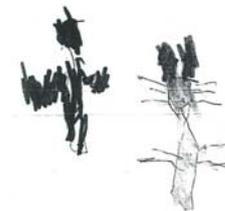
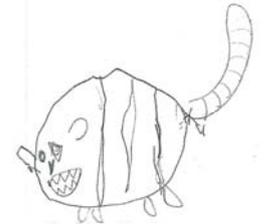
The tiger was stuck in a pit.

Chung-Ho came. The tiger said "Could you please get me out of the pit?"



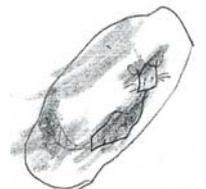
Chung-Ho helped the tiger out of the pit. The tiger said "With my hand on my heart, I promise I will not eat you."

But the tiger got out of the pit and he said "I don't need to honour my promise to you."



Chung-Ho asked the rabbit to help him.

The rabbit tricked the tiger so he got back in the pit.



Tuckshop Talk

May 14 Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
 May 15 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
 May 16 Belinda, Jo
 May 19 Helen, Brett
 May 20 Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop DOES NOT ACCEPT foreign currency.

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 20 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- On Sunday 25 May from 10:00am to 1:00pm DCO will be celebrating National Families Week. This Fun Day will be held at Jezzine Barracks Precinct. There will be outdoor activities and amusements as well as the Defence Wall of Inspiration Mural in the North Queensland Army Museum. A Sausage Sizzle and refreshments will be available for purchase.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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12-16 May Book Fair
 13-15 May NAPLAN Testing
13 May Fete Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 15 May Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
 19 May Chappy Week Celebration Morning – 7:00-9:00am
 19 May Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation
 20 May Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
 20 May P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
23 May Fun Run money due back by today
 29 May 800m Races & March Past
 30 May Kirwan Athletics Carnival
 18 June Champions Day
 24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

P&C Pieces

- Reversible School Hats** are available from the uniform shop in F Block on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45am. They are \$12 each and are in the four house colours. Stock is limited so get yours now ready for sports day.
- The **next P&C general meeting** will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete - 24 October 2014

- Our **next fete meeting** is on **TONIGHT Tuesday 13 May at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

A huge thank you to Sue and Keith from the Outdoor Furniture Specialists located in Domain Central for their kind donation. For all your outdoor furniture needs, please support those who support us.



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Year 6/7 Parent Committee

There will be a meeting this Thursday 15 May at 2:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Mother's Day Stall. It was a huge success.

Craft Group

Next week the Craft Group will be making fabric Christmas advent calendars. If you can spare an hour, please feel free to go along and help out. Please contact Rosemary on 0409.123.649 for further details.

