



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Welcome back for Semester 2. I trust you all had an enjoyable, peaceful and trouble-free break. From all reports our teachers found time to relax in amongst their reporting and curriculum unit planning for Term 3. As I moved around classrooms yesterday it was clear that all classes have hit the ground running, and the busy term ahead had begun right before 9:00am.

Term 3 will include a range of academic, sporting and extra curricula events. Our athletics Champions Day is on this Friday where we select the team for the 'A' School Athletics carnival coming up in week 5. We have our Author in Residence visit from Boori Pryor who will work with all students from Year 1 – 6 over 4 days to develop creativity and enjoyment in writing. Our girls AFL team head to the Gold Coast on August 4 to compete for the Queensland Cup while our League team play for the Northern trophy. We have our quality teacher training program in place for every staff member and a range of excursions planned including the Year 5 camp. NAIDOC Day will also be held during Term 3. Early in the term we will also be conducting our parent, student and staff opinion surveys. These are very important sources of feedback to us on our performance in a range of areas.

To make the most of every opportunity for your child, your support is very much appreciated. Please read the Kirnews and be informed, ask your child questions about school every day, (What are you learning? How are you going?), clarify any concerns with your child's teacher or a member of Admin and above all, encourage your child to enjoy every day and to value their own learning.

The Little Mermaid Jr

How great was this production? Well done to all our wonderful performers and talented staff who put together this amazing product. The range of learning experiences that our performers experienced was phenomenal. Well done to Sharon Ransom and her team. It is easy to be proud of our school.

Parent Opinion Survey – This Week

On Wednesday all families of students attending Kirwan will receive (via the oldest in the family) a blue online access letter. This letter will provide the details to enable you to access the Parent Opinion Survey online. It is a short survey asking for your opinions on how we do business here at Kirwan. I value the information and feedback we receive from this survey and it is in the school's best interest. I encourage all parents to participate and provide open and honest responses. All surveys are due by the end of Week 3 – Friday 31 July.

Online student surveys will be conducted with students from year 5 and 6 during school time. Staff will complete their surveys online as well. I look forward to seeing the collated feedback.

Preparatory Year Enrolments

Enrolments for 2016 Prep Year students will commence on Monday 3 August (start of Week 4). Parents can collect an enrolment package from the school from this date. Enrolment interviews will commence in Week 7 (24 August). We will have our open days and come and try days in Term 4.

Please tell your family and friends that we will be taking out of zone enrolments for 2016 Prep students.

Queensland Representative

Congratulations to Harley Taylor who competed for Northern in the Queensland Rugby League Championships during the holidays. Harley was outstanding in his defence, attack and sportsmanship and was selected in the Queensland President's team to compete in the National League Carnival in Darwin. Well done Harley. We are proud of you.

Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann
Acting Principal

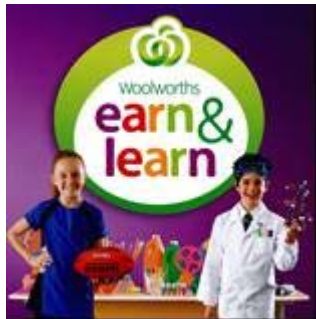


From the Deputy Principal – Tony Woodhouse

Welcome back to Term 3. Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who assisted in making our musical such a success. If you didn't get to see the show, you truly missed out on a treat. There were many people who, without their commitment, enthusiasm and time, the show would not have been possible. A big thank you....

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.



From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 08 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths store. (Make sure you place them in the Kirwan Box.)

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

If we have any helpers who would be able to assist in collecting or counting the 'earn and learn' stickers, please see Mr Woodhouse in admin.

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.

4A Shaolyn Julian-Iva **4B Ella McCarthy**
4A Jade Dickenson **4B Lincoln Cowan**
4B Brock Patterson



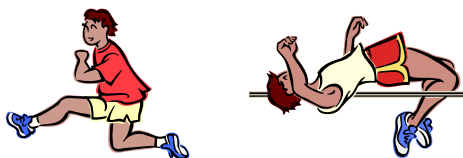
50 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 Gotchas!

Tayla Ross – Prep E
Luke Packwood – 2E
Hayley Maskell – 6C
Shelby Sellen – 3C
Diesel Taylor – 3C



Champions Field Events Day – Friday 17 July



The Champions Athletics Day will be held on the school oval on Friday 17 July and the timetable is as follows.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes to Shot Put, Long Jump and High Jump times than from previously advised timetable.

	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs		Sprints for 7 years to 12 years
8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats for 7 years to 12 years 200m; 60m-100m			8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats 200m; 60m-100m
10:15 – 10:50	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	10:15 – 1:00	-All 7 to 9 years back to class. -All 10 to 12 years not in field events back to class.
10:50 – 11:30	1st Break				
11:30 – 12:15	Long Jump	High Jump	Shot Put		
12:15 – 1:00	High Jump	Shot Put	Long Jump	1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals
1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals for 7 years to 12 years			1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals
1:30 →	2nd Break Back to regular classes			1:30 →	2nd Break Back to regular classes

Years 2 and 3 Swimming Lessons

As part of our Physical Education program, Year 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to be involved in a Learn to Swim program to be run by professional swimming coaches from **Glenn Buchanan Swim School** in Burnda Street, Kirwan.



The children will be assessed at their first lesson and placed into groups according to their swimming ability. The program will consist of water safety, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke activities, depending on the students' ability levels. Classes will begin Week 2 this term (starting Monday 20 July) and conclude Week 9 this term (Thursday 10 September). See timetable below.

The total cost for the program is \$45 for 8 x 30 minute lessons. This money needs to be paid prior to the start of the program. Children will only be enrolled if **FULL PAYMENT IS MADE BY FRIDAY 17 JULY 2015**. Unfortunately, those children who have not paid in full by this date will not be participating. In addition, we are unable to refund money for individual lessons that are missed. No make-up lessons are available due to time constraints and class sizes.

To avoid loss of clothing, please ensure that all items (hats, shoes, togs, towels, uniforms, underwear, socks etc.) are clearly marked with your child's name.

To allow your child to participate in this 'Learn to Swim' Program please return forms (including the consent form) and money to the school office by Friday 17 July 2015.

NO PAYMENT + FORMS = NO SWIMMING LESSONS!

Mondays	11:30am 2A
	12:00noon..... 2B
	12:30pm 2F
	1:00pm 2D
	1:30pm..... 2E
	2:00pm..... 2C

Thursdays	12:00noon..... 3A
	12:30pm 3C
	1:00pm 3D + 3F
	1:30pm 3E
	2:00pm 3B



Please remember to send along with your child all of the swimming requirements on their swimming day as the office staff will NOT be able to phone if any items are forgotten.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Congratulations

★ Congratulations to Callum McConkey of 6D who was recently accepted into the State Honour Ensemble Program Middle School and, after spending three days working with Music teachers/conductors and learning seven pieces of Music, was involved in a small concert. The SHEP program is run throughout the state by the Queensland Conservatorium - Griffith University and is an intensive environment of musical excellence with students ranging from Years 6 through to 10. What a great opportunity ... well done Callum!



★ Congratulations to the following students who competed at the QLD Country BMX Championships over the holidays. These students made the finals in their age groups and won plates: Jack Humphreys of 5B - 6QC in 10 year boys and 4QC in 8-10 year boys cruiser; Emily Kenny of 2C - 6QC in 8 year girls; Brooke Smith of 3C - 4QC in 9 year girls and Liam Smith of 5D - 8QC in 11 year boys. Well done!



P&C Pieces

Next P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this term will be held next week on **Tuesday 21 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. See you there! ☺

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.


- Music polo shirts & long black pants – all \$10 each
- Polo shirts, skirts & skorts – all \$5 each
- Check dresses and shirts – all \$10 each

Jumper Update – Jumpers are in production and we are hoping to have these in the next couple of weeks. Once a confirmation date for the delivery has been received we will update everyone further.

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

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

Kirwan keepers



17 July.....	Champions Day
17 July.....	Full payment due today for Yrs 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons
20 July.....	Year 2 Swimming Lessons start today
21 July.....	Kirwan Community Adult Choir starts 3-4pm
21 July.....	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
22 July.....	Report cards distributed
23 July.....	Year 3 Swimming Lessons start today
27-30 July.....	Boori Monty Pryor Visit
28 July.....	ICAS English
3 & 4 August.....	Hearing Health Screen for ATSI children
11 August.....	ICAS Mathematics
14 August.....	Interschool Athletics (Red Track)
18 September.....	Last day of Term 3
06 October.....	First day of Term 4

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back everyone to what promises to be another fun-filled, jam-packed and exciting term.

BOORI MONTY PRYOR VISIT

It's that time of the year again when our favourite story teller and 'Writer in Residence' visits our school to inspire our students in the area of writing.

Boori will be at our school from Monday 27 July to Thursday 30 July. Our Year 2s and 3s will be working with Boori over eight sessions each, telling stories through drama and art. Our Year 1s, 4s, 5s and 6s will visit Boori for one session each in the afternoons. It is always a fantastic learning experience when working with Boori for students and teachers alike.

KIRWAN HIGH VISIT

Principal of the Kirwan High Junior School, Mr Murray James visited with our Year 6 students this afternoon in the Resource Centre. The presentation touched on the expectations of and opportunities available in Year 7 and beyond at Kirwan High.

ICAS

ICAS English – Tuesday 28 July [Years 2 – 6]

ICAS Mathematics – Tuesday 11 August [Years 2 – 6]

Students are being provided with 2B pencils, but will need to supply an eraser for English and a ruler [mm] and a calculator for Mathematics. All testing is being held in the Resource Centre [Library].

HEARING HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

The Hearing Health Screening team will be visiting our school on the 3rd and 4th August. This will involve group health education, including correct nose blowing, on the 3rd and hearing screening on the 4th. Forms are still being collected this week if you were unable to return them before the holidays.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are in the process of being fine-tuned and polished and will be distributed on Wednesday 22 July [Week 2].

Thank you for your continuing support.

Leanne Moore – Acting Head of Curriculum

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a safe and relaxing break. Our next chat group will be on Tuesday 21 July in the Defence Room starting at 2:00pm.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

- Jul 15 Carol, Sandra, Michelle
- Jul 16 Leah, Leanne
- Jul 17 Belinda, Jo
- Jul 20 Helen, Leanne
- Jul 21 Fiona

- Please check when adding up items to avoid disappointment.
- 50c Icy Cups for sale on Friday afternoon 2:50pm - 3:00pm.

Kirwan Community Adult Choir

Our Kirwan Adult Teacher/Parent Choir will start Week 2 this Term (next Tuesday) on Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm. If you love to sing and can hold a tune please email srans3@eq.edu.au.



Term & Vacation Times for 2015 & 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

Medication at School

At times it is necessary for children to take medication during school hours. We are aware of this need and are willing to assist you in this situation. However, due to directives from *Education Queensland*, and in conjunction with current regulations, **prescription medicine only** can be administered by school staff and under doctor's instructions. **This means that *all* medication must come to school in a container, which is clearly labelled by the pharmacist with the child's name, dosage and instructions for dispensing, together with the doctor's name.** If the medication is *not* prescribed by a medical practitioner, we are unable to administer this during school hours to him/her. Parents are very welcome to come along to the school and administer the medication at the appointed time, or alternatively, seek medical advice from their doctor re a prescription for the required medication. We appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.



Changes to Family Details

Changed your home address or phone number recently? Perhaps a new job location! If you have changed any of your family details in the past few months, the school office staff would love to hear about it. These details are extremely important, particularly in the case of emergencies. Please send along advice of any changes to the office or email us at admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au. We thank you in anticipation of your support.



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