



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Semester Two for 2014. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome in particular the new families who have joined the Kirwan community this term. I trust that you will enjoy a positive experience with your child's education.

STAFFING FOR TERM 3

Please note that Mr John Kratzmann (Deputy Senior School) is currently on leave. Mrs Trish McEvey is replacing Mr K for the main part of this term. Miss Carolyn Hallam is acting as Head of Curriculum for the term replacing Mrs McEvey.

I would also like to welcome some new teachers to our school:

- Mrs Julie White on Year 5B
- Miss Lee Jones on Year 3A
- Ms Jenny Gardiner on 2A

BUSY TERM

Every term is a busy one at Kirwan and this one promises to be no exception. As a heads up...here are some important dates to remember:

- Tonight at 7:00pm is our first P&C meeting for Semester Two. As a special guest, we welcome Mr John Livingstone, Executive Principal of Kirwan State High School. All parents, both new and "old", are very welcome to attend.
- Next week and in Week 3, we welcome back our long standing Author in Residence, Mr Boori Pryor. Boori will be working with a number of year levels focusing on deep comprehension of texts. I know that our students are very much looking forward to having Boori back in our school.
- 31 July will see us once again welcoming our Japanese friends from the Kokagakuin school. Year 6 and 7 students will serve as ambassadors in this truly multicultural event.
- 11 August begins Year 6 and 7 camp week.
- 15 August is Red Track Athletics day.
- 6 September is a special whole school concert with Iron and Clay. Our instrumental music students will also benefit from an intensive workshop with the band.
- 18 September is NAIDOC Celebrations Day.
- I should also point out that our Kirwan Dance Program commences next week with our own Mrs Nicole Brodie taking dance lessons with all classes in preparation for our end of year Kirwan Community Christmas Concert.

I would also like to remind parents of CURRENT YEAR 6 AND CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS about the information sessions to be held at Kirwan State High School. Please note:

Monday 21 July – Year 7 into 8 Information Night

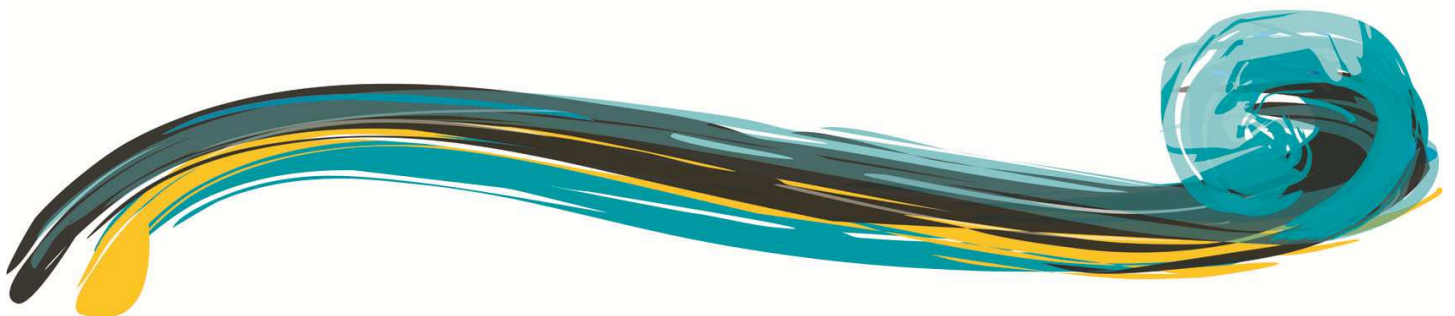
Tuesday 22 July – Year 6 into 7 Information Night

These will be held at 7.00pm in the Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Centre.

I am looking forward to a busy, fun-filled and productive term.

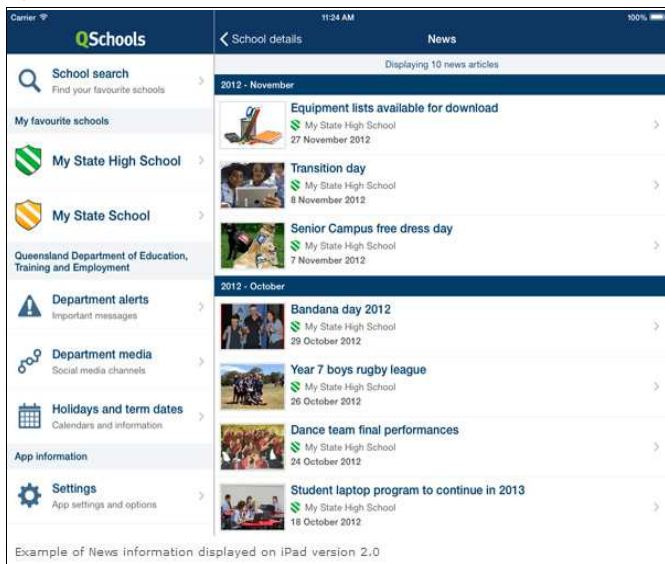
Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

QSCHOOLS APP



Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all Queensland state schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department's preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school's and the department's social media feeds.

Through the app the school community can also receive emergency announcements such as those for natural disasters and school closures. The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

Important alerts

Receive real-time notifications about state school closures and natural disasters.

News, events and newsletters

Access the latest information from your school.

School search

Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

School details

View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.

Departmental social media

Learn more about state-wide initiatives, projects and events through the department's integrated Facebook and Twitter feeds and YouTube channel 'DETE TV'.

The QSchools App can be found at:

- QSchools Version 2.1 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
- QSchools Version 2.0 for Windows 8.0, Windows 8.1 and Windows phone 8 are available from the Windows Store and Windows Phone Store.

KIRWAN MORNING REMINDER

In the mornings, **all students** who arrive at school before 8:30am will need to sit and wait in the shed area. We have some students who wait near and around CPA3 and the classrooms. If you could remind your child that they should make their way to the shed area when they arrive at school, and wait to be released by the staff member on duty at 8.30am. Thank you for your support with this.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal



From the Deputy Principal – Trish McEvey

In the absence of John Kratzmann, who is currently on Long Service Leave, I will be stepping in as Acting Deputy until his return.

We have a lot on this term including Year 6/7 Camps in Week 5 and our Author/Artist in Residence, Boori Pryor, visiting in Weeks 2 and 3.

This year Boori will be working intensively with our Year 5 students on his award winning book, **Shake-a-Leg**. We have planned a range of reading and writing activities, including cooking and artwork. Our Year 5 students are very much looking forward to his visit. Our Year 4 students will also have a session with Boori and be involved in some storytelling, performance and dance.

In Term 4, our current Year 6 and 7 students will study two of Boori's other books, and appreciate author style in **My Girragundji** and **Binna Binna Man**. A quiz session with Boori will culminate this event. Students in Years P-3 will also participate in a storytelling and dance workshop with Boori in Term 4.

Trish McEvey – 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

3B Tahlia Bryant-Smith **3E Rachel Browning**
3B Rhiannon Peterson

Rugby Union Gala Day

Last term two teams of Kirwan students took part in the Rugby Union Gala Day held at Mike Carney Park, Hugh Street. Year 5 and 6 students made up the junior team while students from Year 6 and 7 were in the senior team.

The day saw the junior team up against Hermit Park, Holy Spirit College and Columba Catholic College. The boys tried very hard but the more experienced teams overcame their gallant efforts. All boys had a great time and enjoyed the experience.

The senior team had two pool games against Holy Spirit College and Ingham. Our numbers were affected by the loss of Courtney Reynolds who suffered a concussion at a league game on the previous Wednesday. While she was very disappointed not to play she supported both teams during their games (true sportsmanship). The team played in a semi-final against Kelso but unfortunately came second in that match. Again all the players had a great experience with one student signing up to play with a local club.



Kirwan Senior Rugby Team



Kirwan Junior Rugby Team

Alan Hunt – Rugby Coach



P&C Pieces

- The next P&C general meeting is **TONIGHT**, Tuesday 15 July at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Kirwan eepers



15 July..... P&C Meeting **TONIGHT** – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 16 July....Dance Troupe Rehearsals start – 3:00-4:00pm in the Hall
 17 July.....Year 6/7 Chocolate money due back by today
 17 July....Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
 21 July.....2015 Prep Bookings Open
 21 July..... **Final Payment for Year 7 Tallebudgera Camp due**
 21 July.....Mungalli Camp Second Payment due
 29 July..... Fete Meeting– 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 1-19 SeptemberPrep Interviews with Admin
 24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
 30 OctoberPrep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 OctoberPrep Come and Try Day
 8 December.....Prep Come and Try Day
 8 December..... Whole School Transition Day

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 Total Water Solutions for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.



Kirwan Kindergarten - 2015 Enrolments

C&K Kirwan Kindergarten, located on the Kirwan State School grounds, will be offering positions shortly for kindergarten next year. If you have a child who is eligible for Pre-Prep by turning 4 by 30 June, you are welcome to drop in to fill out a waiting list form, or you can fill out the form on the C&K website. C&K Kindergartens have qualified teachers who provide an amazing learning environment for your child in the year before formal schooling. Our parents have been very happy with their child's kindergarten year. We look forward to seeing you.

Miss Julie & Miss Judi (Co-Directors/Teachers)

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)

NQ Selection

Congratulations to Jett Manning on his selection in the NQ Touch Football team. Well done Jett and good luck at the State Trials!

Kirwan Age Champions

Age Champions from our Champions Day held in Term 2:

10 Year Boys

1. Ashtyn Lott-----2. Luke Bolton-----3. Mathew Weldon

10 Year Girls

1. Apryl Nosedo-----2. Jessica-----3. Lauren Bennie

11 Year Boys

1. Harley Taylor-----2. Tyler Cope-----3. Matthew Schulz

11 Year Girls

1. Stella Abbott-----2. Hannah Pettit-----3. Sophie Sommerville

12 Year Boys

1. John Nawara-----2. Trent Austin-----3. Marcus Cowan

12 Year Girls

1. Holly Doran-----2. Isabella Sawyer-----3. Courtney Reynolds

13 Year Boys

1. Dean Paterson-----2. Andrew Hilleary-----3. Shy Tully

13 Year Girls

1. Jennifer Hepburn-----2. Jovana Dixon-----3. Ruby Ware

Tuckshop Talk

Jul 16 Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day), Brett
 Jul 17 Brett, Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
 Jul 18 Jo, Belinda, Brett
 Jul 21 Helen
 Jul 22 Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency – Orders may be substituted.

Kirwan State High School

Year 7 & 8 2015 Information Nights

The following information nights will be held at 7:00pm each night in the Kirwan High School Performing Arts Centre:

- Monday 21 July – Year 7 into 8 Information Night
- Tuesday 22 July – Year 6 into 7 Information Night

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- Our next Parent meeting will be held on Thursday 17 July at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.
- Chocolate money is due back **THIS WEEK**. If you are unable to sell your chocolates please return them to the tuckshop. If you would like to sell more chocolates please see Kim in the tuckshop.



Defence News

Hi everyone... Welcome back to 3rd Term and an especially big welcome to our new families who have started this term. Just a reminder to all of our families that if you have any school or defence queries please come in and see us at the defence room. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs



OFFICE HOURS STRICTLY 8:00AM – 3:30PM