

Sam Cox MP
MEMBER FOR THURINGOWA



5 November 2014

Mrs Melissa Jackson
Principal, Kirwan Primary School
21 Burnda Street
KIRWAN QLD 4817

Dear Mrs Jackson,

I would like to congratulate the Kirwan State Primary School community on becoming an Independent Public School from 2015.

It's great to see that local parents and teachers will now have a real say on teaching methods and programs at your school. With increased local decision making, greater control over resources, and increased funding Kirwan State Primary School has the opportunity to maximise students' potential.

We've already seen the great achievements made by the students, parents and teachers at Kirwan State Primary School in recent years. Programs such as the *Great Results Guarantee* have been giving schools more autonomy and becoming an Independent Public School will play a large part in further strengthening the school's identity and focus.

I am sure that you are all looking forward to the opportunities that will be created to improve your kids' education with this announcement.

Please pass on my congratulations to the staff and parents at Kirwan State Primary School and I look forward to working with you and the school in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Member for Thuringowa

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18 November 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Here is a letter of congratulations from Sam Cox to our School Community on becoming an Independent School...

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

ROAD SAFETY

We appreciate your support in reminding your children about the importance of being safe on and around roads. In particular, that they must cross roads at designated crossings where they exist and that they must comply with the instructions of crossing supervisors.

Parents/caregivers who drive to school and park in the vicinity of the school are required to comply with road rules and parking regulations. In particular, drivers are asked to not double park or park in designated bus zones. We thank you for your support in ensuring all our students are safe.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD BE ORGANISED?

Being organised is an important part of daily schooling and establishing routines will certainly help students as they progress through their school life. Below are some ideas in helping create routines.

- Routines take the worry out of remembering. Homework routines, morning routines, even after school unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.
- Have regular homework time. Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.
- Have morning 'round up'. Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.
- There are times when so much is going on in young people's lives that they require structure and routine to help them get organised. Gentle reminders to pack lunches and returning notes to school are important.
- Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much. Place a list of routine morning activities by a child's bed (or on the refrigerator) and insist that it is checked before he/she goes to school.
- Clear away the clutter. A regular clean-up of desks and work areas can help children gain control of their environment.
- For older students, use a diary to plan ahead. Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.

Tony Woodhouse - Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Trish McEvey

SCHOOL VISITS

A reminder to parents who may have a need to visit their child during school hours - please note that you must sign in and out at the office, before seeking out your child. Although there are some instances when your child needs you at school, in most cases it is in the best interest of students to be allowed to focus on their learning in the classroom and their social growth in the playground.

2015 YEAR 6 CAMP - TALLEBUDGERA

Initial camp deposit of \$300 is due by Friday this week. Flights are being booked next week so to ensure your child's place at the 2015 Year 6 Camp please pay this deposit by this Friday (21 November).

Trish McEvey - Acting Deputy Principal

New School Payment Area - Cash Window 2015

As of Week 1 Tuesday 27 January 2015 all monies will be paid via a cash window. There will be a sign in place.

This is for all transactions including cash, EFTPOS & Debit Cards.

This cash window will be OPEN for all payment transactions between 8:00AM AND 9:00AM DAILY ONLY.

NO MONIES will be taken outside these hours or at the front office. There will be a sign in place.

The money box will still be available for those people unable to pay during our new cash hours. There will be a money box slot located near the new cash window.

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school's Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

HOURS OF CASH WINDOW FOR 2015 – 8:00am to 9:00am DAILY.

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	Steven Griffiths	3A	Zachary Taylor
PrepB	Xavier Lozancic	3B	Shaun Clarke
PrepB	Phoenix Rogers	3B	Montana McCormick
PrepB	Jackie McCallion	3C	Mitchell Royan
PrepB	Chelsea Kettles	3D	Keely Blackford
PrepC	Te Mana Royal	3E	Kristina Harris
PrepD	Kiarah Davis	4A	Chinsia Burns
PrepE	Kyba Mabo	4A	Sharla Campbell
PrepF/1F	Ella Hielscher Green	4B	Olivia Little
1A	Chelsea Mackay	4B	Zachary Harrod
1B	Juliane Gurney	4C	Tahnee Massaro
1C	Brandan Gurney	4D	Skye Briggs
1D	Madison Pickering	5C	Ky Chong
1E	Tayla Tulk	5C	Dylan Boyce
1E	Dane Bates	5D	Tyler Winnett
2A	Harrison Lowe	6C	Taylah Draper
2B	Ava Leeson	6C	Chelsey Garcia
2B	Jayden Parker	6D	Peirson Bogdanek
2C	Emily Gough	6E/7C	Sophie Jones
2D	Mason Locke	6E/7C	Ruby Ware
2D	Jett Lawrence	7B	Locke Pelling
2E	Ethan Angel-Hands	7B	Franki Yates
2E	Joanie Garbutt		

Year 6 & 7 Graduation Ceremony
9:00am Wednesday
10 December 2014
Multi-Purpose Hall

Some Work from 2B

Year 2B have been writing an extra plot line for the book, "*Spirit of Hope*". Here are a couple of samples of their great work!

The following week Micky had an idea, he thought the Fairweathers should make a really big rocket, but Dad doesn't know about it. It will be a surprise. They used metal and tools and iron for the boosters. It took eight hours to build it. They get the rocket ready to launch. The rocket was ready. Dad was a scaredy-cat. It went up into the air. Dad thought it would fall when the string slipped off. It fell onto the hard ground. "We'll try again next week." said Dad.

By Jayden Parker 2B

Micky had an idea for moving the house to Rainbow River but he didn't have a hot air balloon. So Micky did a Google search. The men had a hot air balloon for sale and Micky bought it and got very tight strong string. He asked Beau and Ava to help him to attach the very tight strong string. Lift Off! It lifts off and things were going well when all of a sudden a pesky magpie pecked and pops it. Dad said, "Never mind we will try again next week."

By Ava Leeson 2B

Pamela Lyons - 2B Teacher

Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal

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Townsville



Please support the Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal by donating non-perishable food items that go directly to locals in need. Items can be dropped into the "RED Donation Bin" located outside the administration building. Below is a guide on what items to donate:

ACCEPTED:

Tinned food, soups, biscuits, pasta, noodles, bottled sauces
Christmas items (lollies, pudding etc.), small gift items.

With only 4 weeks left of school, let's see if we can fill the "RED BIN".

SafeST Committee Email Address

For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Update of Confidential Student Information



In an endeavour to keep students' contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards will be sent home with your children in the very near future in an envelope personally addressed to you as carer of your child, and marked 'private and confidential'.

We would appreciate your help in checking the information thoroughly and updating any details that are incorrect, including parent address and phone details, emergency contact information, legal and/or custody details and medical information. Once complete, please return your child's form in the 'private and confidential' envelope to the school office for attention. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our school office staff if you have any questions or concerns at all.

Christmas Services



Christmas Services for the school will be held in the Multipurpose Hall on Tuesday 09 December.

Prep, Years 1 and 2 11:35am – 12:05pm
 Years 6 and 7 12:10pm – 1:40pm
 Years 3, 4 and 5 12:45pm – 1:15pm

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as we celebrate the Christmas Season together.

Anne Dodd – RE Co-ordinator

Kirwan Keepers



- 18 November P&C Dinner & Meeting – 6:30pm @ Kirwan Tavern
- 27 November . Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
- 02 December Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
- 08 December Prep Come and Try Day - 9:15-10:50am
- 08 December Whole School Transition Day
- 08 December Year 3/4/5 Awards Ceremony
- 08 December Kirwan Christmas Concert
- 09 December Christmas Services
- 10 December Year 6/7 Graduation
- 10 December Report Cards issued
- 10 December Year 6/7 Dinner Dance
- 11 December Rock, Pop, Mime – 9:00am
- 12 December Last day of Term 4
- 27 January 2015 First day of Term 1 2015

P&C Pieces

- Our final meeting for the year will be held **TONIGHT Tuesday 18/11/14 commencing at 6.30pm** with dinner at the Kirwan Tavern followed by the meeting.
- **Kirwan Christmas Concert** – the P&C will once again be selling refreshments at the concert. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, chips, popcorn and ice-creams. A price list will be published closer to the event.
- **Uniform Shop** - the last day for this year for the second hand uniform shop is Wednesday 3/12/14 from 8:15am – 8:45am. Don't forget if you are leaving Kirwan to donate your uniforms to the uniform shop. Reversible school hats in house colours are also available for \$12.00 each.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

- Nov 19 Fiona, Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
- Nov 20 Leah, Leanne, Emma (½ day)
- Nov 21 Jo, Belinda
- Nov 24 Brett, Leanne
- Nov 25 Jenni

- Bags are 10c
- Toasting is an extra 50c.
- There are no Slushies or Playwaters.
- During December we will be running down stock. Food may be substituted.

Fete Feedback

The fete committee is looking for ways to make our fete bigger and better next time. If you have any feedback or suggestions from this

year's fete, please email to fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au. We would love to hear your comments.

Christmas Concert

Monday 8 December 2014

6:00pm on the Oval

- Year Group Performances
 - Concert Band ▪ Thuringowa Brass Band
- Everyone welcome! See you there!

Defence News

- Hi everyone...
- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 02 December. As this will be our last Chat Group for the year, can everyone please bring a plate of Xmas nibbles to share!
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Year Six and Seven Parent Committee

- The next Year 6/7 Parent Committee meeting is on Thursday 27 November at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.

Finalisation of Student Accounts

- As we commence preparation for 2015 classes, it will be necessary to close each student's account. We ask that all outstanding monies be forwarded to the school office (Student Resource Scheme, LEM Phonics Books, etc.) by **Monday 01 December**. Thank you.



Are You Transferring?

It's that time of the year again! The end of the school year is in sight and many of our students will be transferring to new locations. If you happen to be one of those families who know that you will be relocating at the end of the year, (or think you may be), we would love to hear from you. We ask that you fill the form out at the end of Kirnews and return it to the school office for processing. This will help in the smooth running of the office and with the great load of paperwork at this very hectic time of the year. Thank you.

Children Returning Late in 2015

If your child/ren is/are not returning on Day One 2015 (27 January), please advise the school office of details and expected return date. Advising of your late return ensures a place is reserved for your child/ren.

Important Information about Lost Property

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. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday afternoons.



2015 Prep Year Reminder



Monday 08 December
 Transition Day
 9:15am – 10:50am



Transfer Notice

Yes, our family will be transferring from Kirwan Primary at the end of the school year.

Name	Class
_____	_____
_____	_____

His/Her/Their last day at Kirwan Primary will be:

We will be transferring to (name of school/town):

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