From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

POSTPONEMENT OF SCHOOL EVENTS
Due to the high rainfall totals overnight, localized flooding and current predictions that this is likely to continue throughout the day, we have decided to postpone the two events planned for this evening.

• Meet and Greet Parent information sessions will now be held next Tuesday 25th from 5:30pm until 6:00 AND 6:10pm until 6:40pm.
• P&C Meeting which was to be held tonight is now postponed until next Tuesday 25th February from 7:00pm.

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by this postponement. The rain, however, is very welcome!!

SENIOR SHIRTS
An order form for senior shirts went out yesterday to all students in Year 6 and Year 7. There will be sample shirts for sizing purposes in the BUSINESS SERVICE MANGER’S ROOM NEXT TO THE STAFF ROOM FOR THE NEXT 4 SCHOOL MORNINGS (Wednesday 19 – Friday 20 and Monday 23) BETWEEN 8:00 and 9:00am. There will be a student list on the whiteboard just inside the door. Please record the size shirt you would like for your child on this list.

Just a reminder that orders and money are required back at school next Monday. Please enclose money in an envelope and place in the box in the BSM window.

LEM PHONICS PARENT SESSION
This will still be held on Thursday evening (20 February) from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. This will be hosted in the Resource Centre. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND.

And…………….for those of you who have been puzzling over my LEM quiz from last week…………………here are the answers:

‘A’ has 5 sounds.
• at
• ate
• ask
• all
• was

The sixth vowel is ‘Y’. ‘Y’ makes 3 sounds.
• happy
• cry
• yellow

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
Postponed due to weather conditions - Parent Information Sessions and P&C Meeting.
Now on Tuesday 25 February.

From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**
It is ‘Green Gotcha’ time. This means we are explicitly targeting certain student behaviours and rewarding these with a ‘green gotcha’ – these are worth double points on the student gotcha passport. Over the next several weeks our whole staff will focus on rewarding students who use our school’s toilets appropriately. For example, students who walk in and out, take an appropriate amount of time (during class), are reported (by their peers) that they have used the soap dispensers sensibly when washing hands and in general are found to respect the amenities, may receive a ‘green gotcha’. As a school, we will also focus on lining up after eating times and walking wonderfully in lines around the school. Make sure you ask your child about the ‘green gotchas’. If they get one, celebrate it, congratulate them, and reinforce the high expectations we have for each and every child here at Kirwan.

**GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY**
Last week our 28 School Leaders attended the GRIP Student Leadership conference held at the Mercure Inn for all Primary School school leaders across Townsville. The day was extremely well run, entertaining and had a very practical flavour of ‘how each of our leaders can grow their leadership in our school’. I am looking forward to working with our School Leaders to develop their individual leadership skills and implement initiatives that benefit our entire school community. It was easy to be proud of our Kirwan leaders last Thursday….. they showed great school spirit and carried themselves proudly.

Our leadership program across the school extends to our Student Council representatives and to our Junior School Helpmate program. We value student leadership.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

**Leaders’ Induction Ceremony**
Monday 24 February - 9:30am
Multi-Purpose Hall

From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

Do you have a smart phone? Did you know that you can download the QSchools app to get our newsletters and notification of events? Just go into the App Store for your device and search for QSchools, then download – it’s free; Available on Apple and Android.

**SAFETY**
I have heard from other parents that there are some students who are not crossing the road safely and are instead running across the road, placing themselves in danger. Before crossing, students must wait for the Crossing Supervisor to stop traffic and blow their whistle to indicate it is safe to cross before stepping out onto the crossing. Drivers must be aware that it is illegal to drive through the crossing until the Crossing Supervisor has returned to the footpath. Parents, we seek your assistance in ensuring the safety of our students. Please be road safe and speak with your children about the importance of using school crossings where staff will assist them in crossing safely.

**ABSENTEEISM**
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETV (http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland). If your child is going to be absent please notify the school as soon as possible.

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 our class recently.

**Student Leaders for 2014**

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**Kirwan Keepers**

19 February......... PE Excess Stock Sale – Multi-purpose Hall 2:30-3:30pm
20 February……..Parent LEM Information Session – 6:00pm Resource Centre
24 February..............Leaders’ Induction Ceremony – 9:30am
25 February……………….Defence Parent Shat Group – 2:00pm Defence Smith
25 February………..Parent Teacher Information Sessions – 5:30pm & 6:10pm
25 February……………….P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
05 March…………………..Fun Novelty/Interhouse Swimming Carnival
18 March..................Defence Parent Information Session
18 March………..P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
28 March…………………..Student Resource Scheme paid in full by 01/02 April
04 April…………………..Last Day of Term 1
22 April…………………..First Day of Term 2

**P&C Pieces**
- Due to the weather conditions, our first general meeting for 2014 will now be held on Tuesday 25 February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you all there.
- The AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

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

Safety Committee Email Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
• School Jumper order forms have gone home. The uniform shop has samples available to try on for sizing on Wednesdays from 8:15am – 8:45am.

  Laurelle Jones – P&C President

Fete in 2014
This year we will be holding our fete on Friday 24 October. Stay tuned for more information!

2014 Interhouse Swimming Carnival

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Important points to note:
• The permission form and medical form should be returned to your child’s teacher before 05 March.
• Students will change into their swimming gear before they board the bus and change back into their uniforms when they return to school.
• All students need to have a swim shirt to swim in. If they do not have one, they will not be able to swim.
• Students will also need a towel, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.
• Each year level will spend 45 minutes at the pool and will be engaged in novelty events only.
• Students will use the lanes in the shallow area of the pool.
• There will be no free swim time or playing on water slides.
• Year 6/7C class will be attending the Year 7 carnival together.
• Students in Years 4 and 5 ordering lunch at first break should write on their order that they are swimming. Lunches can be collected upon their return to school.
• Students not going to the carnival will stay at school and join another class.

  Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Defence News
• Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 25 February starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers most welcome. If you have a school or defence related matter, please come in and see us or leave a message for us at the office.
• See you all out and about...

  Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

School Photos
Wednesday 05 March

Money envelopes will be distributed on 4 March. Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day. Sibling photo envelopes will also be available for students at the school.

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.

Money Collection Window

Please use the money envelope box in the BSM’s window to put all monies and forms. If paying by card, you will need to pay at the front office.

Staff Carpark
The Staff Carpark is only available to staff for parking. Gates will be locked until 3:15pm.

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by 28 March 2014.

Health Room Clothes
If you have borrowed a change of clothes from the Health Room, can you please return them to the office at your earliest convenience? As we are in need of spare clothes in the Health Room any donations would be gratefully accepted at the office. Thank you in advance.

Tuckshop Talk

PE Excess Stock Sale

Wednesday 19 February 2:30-3:30pm
Multi-Purpose Hall

Prices – 50c - $10

Items include:
• kickboards, flippers, footballs, basketballs, netballs, soccer balls, cricket wickets, cricket bats, tennis balls, hoops & more.

Years 2 and 3 Swimming Lessons

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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

Office House Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

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