18 March 2014

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

P&C NEWS
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held in the staffroom this evening commencing at 7pm. All are very welcome to attend. I would also like to extend a special invitation to new families who have joined our school community for 2014. Being a part of our P&C is one of the best ways to support your child, your school and your community.

STAFF NEWS
This week, we welcome two new teachers to our ranks. These teachers have been employed by the school through the Greater Results Guarantee funding which aims to improve literacy and numeracy skills in all our students. Our aim is to have no student below the National Minimum Standard OR on an Individual Learning Plan.

Mrs Jo Proctor and Mrs Kim Alger will be working with junior classes on specific guided reading lessons in all classes from Prep – Three throughout the year. I have so far been very impressed with their knowledge and skills in the teaching of reading and also with their willingness to adapt to the many different learning environments which we have to offer. I am looking forward to some excellent improvement in our reading data this year.

JT

Yesterday, we were treated to Johnathan Thurston’s company once again as part of our Adopt-a-Cowboy participation. JT worked with the Year 2s displaying his special brand of good humour and his innate ability to entertain our children. It is always a privilege to welcome the Cowboys Co-Captain to our school for many of our significant events throughout the year. Thank you Cowboys and thank you JT.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
READING
Whilst on morning duty this week, I have seen children sharing books with each other. This love of reading is starting to spread which is great to see.

Last week, I wrote about a book walk as a strategy to help when reading at home. Another strategy you or your child can use is visualisation.

Firstly, read the text either in sections, paragraphs or the whole text and create a picture or talk about what the text is describing. With younger students, you could draw what the words are describing. The visualisation strategy is useful as it helps the brain remember and understand what has been written. It is also good at helping with comprehension. After reading, see if your child is able to share their thoughts/images on the words.

Above all, enjoy reading with your child!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to those parents who have booked an appointment with their child’s class teacher.

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews can be made until Sunday 23 March. After this date, the booking period will close.

Fifteen minute Parent-Teacher Interview sessions will run at various times during this period in the morning and/or afternoon unless a teacher is not available. (Times when teachers are not available will be identified on the website.)

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end your interview on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

To book a session with your child/ren’s teacher/s please use the following steps:

2. Enter the code LY5US.
3. Enter your name and email address.
4. Select suitable times for your interview/s.
5. Check your inbox (or junk mail) for your confirmation email.

A confirmation of your interview/s time/s with your selected teacher/s will be sent to your email account. Please check your junk mail if this does not come through within a short period of time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please see your child’s class teacher or our office staff, who will be able to book an available interview time for you.

Have a great week!

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

EASTER SERVICES

Our Easter Services will be held for all students on Friday 04 April, here at the school in the multi-purpose hall. Parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to attend.

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Kiran’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently:

Prep A Hamish Jarvis 3C Ethan Rafferty
Prep B Krystal Ollerton 3D Sarah Rogers
Prep C Maddison Dudley 3E Chelsea Stroud
Prep D Kai Tin Bitossi 4A Hayley Newsome
Prep E Maddison Pacchirotta 4A Alannah Hansen
Prep 1F Ethan Jeffrey 4B Neke Kendall
1A Messiah Julian-Iva 4C Jayden Saran
1B Luke Packwood 4D Hamari Nawara
1C Sarah Murdoch 5A Tenika Hills-Amory
1D Janna Bruhn 5B Edgar-Ray Javelona
1E Abby Collins 5C Ky Chong
2A Adelaide Steele 5D Luke Bolton
2B Austin Wood 6A Trinity McClelland
2C Keely Laffin 6B Jasmine Gross
2D Jackson Himmelswang 6C Declan Nilsson
2E Ezekiel Barnes 6D Madison Noseda
3A Raphael Tucker 6E/7C Hayley Fraser
3B Bella Morley 7A Tiarna Elliott
3C Lucy Duncan 7B Kaitlyn Phillips

Kiran’s Eeepers

18 March …… P&C Annual General Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm Staffroom
19 March …… Year 2 make-up swimming lessons
20 March …… Student Council Disco
20 March …… P&C Sausage Sizzle @ Disco – 5.30-6:30pm
25 March …… Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
26 March …… Tuckshop Subway orders in by today
28 March …… Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
28 March …… Run Fun
28 March …… Tuckshop Subway Day – 1st Break
01 April …… Staff Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
01/02 April …… School Photos
04 April …… Easter Services
04 April …… Bill Nettle Rugby League & NO Netball Cup
04 April …… Last Day of Term 1
22 April …… First Day of Term 2
05-09 May …… Mother’s Day Stall
29 May …… 800m Races & March Past
30 May …… Kirwan Athletics Carnival
18 June …… Champions Day
24 October …… School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

Kirwan's Achievers

Congratulations to Trent Austin who has been selected to represent Thuringowa District for AFL in the North Queensland zone trials. Well done Trent!

Well done Kyle Whitton who has been selected in the Thuringowa District Basketball Team to compete in the North Queensland Primary School Trials. Congratulations Kyle!

Great Work

Here is some work from Danielle in 3C using adjectives and noun groups.

One day a boy marched on the sandy path way and at a sign he saw. The sign was awning.

But he did not follow it, he climbed over the fall instead.

When he got down he saw his fringed "Whome the crier."

Then Jack ran all the way home back and his mum gave Jack a benedged.

Mark This Date

Slop Press!

Late News – Kirwan State School has won the Primary C Schools Interschool Carnival this morning. WELL DONE KIRWAN!

Our school captains with their trophy for winning the C Schools Interschool Swimming Carnival.

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

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.

This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
P&C Pieces

• Disco Sausage Sizzle – The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle during the Student Council Disco this Thursday 20 March from 5:30-6:30pm.
• Our AGM will be held TONIGHT (Tuesday 18 March) at 7:00pm in the staffroom followed by the general meeting.
• Reversible School Hats are now 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.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete – 24 October 2014

• Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1/4/14 at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
• Ask your child what stall their class will be running at the fete and check with their teacher how you can help out.
• We will be looking for donations of items for the fete including plants and second-hand books so if you are having a clean out please consider donating any items to the school. Drop-off times will be advised at a later date.

Money Collection Window

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

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

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am-3:30pm

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Student Council Disco – Thursday 20 March

Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-6:00pm
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – 6:30pm-8:30pm

$5 tickets went on sale for the disco on Wednesday 05 March and are available from Mrs Taylor’s room – H Block. Prep children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. ALL children attending MUST be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.

School Photos

Tuesday 1 April & Wednesday 2 April 2014

Money envelopes were distributed last week. Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day. Sibling photo envelopes are also available for students from the school office.

TUESDAY 01 APRIL

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PLEASE NOTE: THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. THEY MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOS.

Tuckshop Subway Day – Friday 28 March

Tuckshop is having a Subway Day on Friday 28 March at 1st Break.

6” Turkey & Ham Sub ..........$5.60
6” Ham Sub ..................$5.50
6” Roast Beef Sub ..........$6.00
6” Chicken Sub .............$6.50

All subs come with cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion & carrot. All subs must be pre-paid and orders need to be placed with the tuckshop by Wednesday 26 March. Late orders will not be accepted.

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