



# KIRNEWS

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Kirwan is widely recognised for the professionalism of our teachers and the quality of individual attention given to every student. The academic growth of every student is a must; so too is physical and social growth. At Kirwan, we also have very strong student support structures within the school. These include our school Chaplain, Guidance Officer, Speech and Language support staff and Behavioural support staff.

This morning we celebrated the fantastic support of our School Chaplain, Mrs Godwin. We had sausages on the BBQ, 99.9 Live FM broadcasting live, games and Chappy displays. The staff from Live FM commented on how fantastic our students were and in particular, really enjoyed it when we all got involved in singing our school song. Thank you to all parents for your support through breakfast for your children and the gold coin donation for the uniform free day. We value our Chappy.

Please read on. Be informed. Have conversations with your children about what is happening at school. Thank you...

### Good Beginnings

Kirwan SS is happy to welcome Good Beginnings and their 'Empowerment to Action' family support program. They can assist with family relationship building, parent child routine strategies, parent child emotional wellbeing, development and behaviour. Carolyn Travers can be contacted at Kirwan SS on Tuesdays or on 0432 053 909.

### QParents

Our school is currently action planning to implement this exciting and informative online service. QParents will enable parents and carers to access your child's OneSchool information – academic progress, attendance records, behaviour records and class timetabling. We need all parents to make sure all contact details are updated. If your child's school records (living address, custody, contact emails) have changed, please update them. QParents will only work if we have the relevant, up-to-date parental information. More information on QParents can be found on the QParents site – just search QParents.

### Student Reporting

Student report cards for all students from Prep to Year 6 will be presented to students in Week 2 of Term 3. This enables our teachers to complete the units of assessment for the whole of Term 2 and in effect, report on your child's progress in all work in Semester 1. Please see me or your child's teacher if you wish further clarification on this.

### Stranger Danger

At this busy time of year, please take the time to revise with your children the facts and steps to take regarding Stranger Danger. Remind your children to come directly into school in the mornings and to make sure they follow their 'going home' routines – or to wait inside the school gate until collected. Please remind your children that we always have staff in the office area and if they need to they can always come directly to the office – before or after school.

### Our P&C

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our P&C on their continued professional approach and fantastic support of our students and school. I look forward to working with our P&C to grow our school from strength to strength. Keep an eye out for the meeting dates; all welcome to come along and become an active member of your school community.

Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann

Acting Principal



## From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

### PUNCTUALITY



At Kirwan State School, we believe that children learn best when they arrive punctually as it enables them to effectively embrace their learning for the day. When children arrive late regularly, not only does it affect their learning and progress, but it also creates distractions for their teacher and peers.

**We encourage parents to consider the positive impact of punctuality on learning.**

*The first lesson of the day begins at 8:50am. (Lessons are often of 1 hour duration.)*

#### Late by 5 minutes?

That results in a loss of 8% of the learning in the first lesson of the day. This is when children get organised and ready for the main teaching activity after the bell.

#### Late by 10 minutes?

That results in a loss of 16% of the learning in the first lesson of the day. This is when the teacher could be 30% into the main teaching activity of the first lesson of the day. It is during this time that the teacher begins to introduce the lesson learning intentions, teaches new concepts and explains what the children are required to do during independent activities.

#### Late by 15 minutes?

That results in a loss of 25% of the learning in the first lesson of the day. This is a substantial loss of learning. Your child may find it difficult to work confidently during the independent activities in this lesson as he/she has lost out on the main teacher explanation time.

**We do recognise that occasionally pupils will be late due to extenuating circumstances. However, arriving late at school regularly can impact on your child's progress over time.**

A great way to be on time, is to get ready the night before. Pack your bag, get your clothes ready and have a great night's sleep.

### CHAPPY MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chappy morning today. It was fantastic to see so many students, parents and staff helping out, having a sausage and popper, helping with the coin trail and free dress donation. A big thank you also to 99.9 live FM for broadcasting live.

*Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal*

## Australian Books For Kids

Sometimes as a parent you may have trouble choosing a children's book. One way to find the perfect book is to learn about what kinds of stories your child is interested in.

For younger children, there are a variety of audio books available to borrow at libraries and purchase at book stores. Your child can listen to the story as they learn to read.

This will not only keep them interested, but help them recognise important words and letters.

Here are some titles of Australian classics to share with your child:

- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I Can Jump Puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat* and *Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs.

Some suggestions of stories and picture books for younger readers:

- *The Tashi* series by Anna Fienberg
- *Cool Bananas* by Christine Harris and Bettina Guthridge
- *Are You Hungry?* by Tina Burke
- *No Room for a Mouse* by Kyle Mewburn and Freya Blackwood
- *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr
- *One Blue Sock* by Emily Ballou and Stephen Michael King.

For older children:

- *Daughter of the Regiment* by Jackie French
- *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein
- *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Pigs Might Fly* by Emily Rodda
- *Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo* by Tim Winton.

Remember to talk to your child to discover if he or she likes mystery or adventure stories or humorous books. This will not only make choosing a book easier; it will also make reading more enjoyable.



## 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	Jhett Valler	2F	Kye Fish
PrepB	Alyssia Ruggieri	3A	Imogen Evans
PrepC	Kayden Keogh	3B	Weston Salsbury
PrepC	Jaxon Hartwell	3C	Zavier Dotta
PrepD	Harrison Johnson-Briggs	3C	Trinity Gransden
PrepD	Kaliah Lynton	3D	Jue'iz Iva-Julian
PrepE	Piper Harrison	3E	Bridie Marshall
1A	Jackson Steel	3E	Beau Reynolds
1B	Naomi Mak	4A	Bailey Matthews
1C	Yusuf Mohideen	4B	Kaylee Steel
1C	Rashad Smith	4B	Jayde McGlynn
1D	Cory Simpson	4D	Xander Fisher
1E	Maddison Dudley	5A	Kaitlyn Stewart
2A	Tia Sihavong	5B	Jaylee Jensen
2A	Seth Treffers	5D	Tahnee Marshall
2B	Dane Bates	6C	Seraph Treffers
2B	Christian Logan	6C	Steven Schenk
2C	Shaine Blinkhorn	6C	Ashlee Partridge-Wregg
2D	Brodie Ernst	6D	Keely Harrison
2E	Laura Oliver		

## 50 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 Gotchas!

**Seraph Treffers 6C**  
**Amalie Walker 2E**



## P&C Pieces

### P&C Meeting Postponed

- Our P&C meeting will now be held **NEXT Tuesday 26 May** at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We apologise for having to change this to next week. 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.

**Sports Day Bandannas – Get in Early** – Purchase your sports day bandanna in your team colours from the Uniform Shop.

**Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow**  
Embroidered with your team name - \$5 each.

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

*Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary*

## Congratulations

- Congratulations to Stella Abbott who has made the NQ Primary Schools Girls Soccer team. Stella will compete at the State Championships in July. Well done and good luck Stella!
- Congratulations to Ameya Ransom and Paige Stanek who won the vocal section in the Burdekin Eisteddfod performing a duet they learned at school. Well done!
- If your child has achieved a noteworthy accomplishment recently and you would like them mentioned in our newsletter, please let us know the details at the office. ☺

## Dental Van Now Closed

As of tomorrow, the dental van will be closed and moving to another school. If you have any concerns at all regarding your children's teeth, please contact the main dental office on 4789 9900.



## Defence News

- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 02 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- Geckos Family Centre on Lavarack Barracks is having a 'clothes SWAP' day on Friday 22 May between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Bring in your unwanted clothing and receive vouchers in trade of your clothes. Return on Saturday 23 May between 10:00am and 3:00pm to purchase your new clothes!
- Geckos are holding general Finance & Budgeting talks on 25 May at 10:00am and on 27 May at 7:00pm - approx 1 hour session. Please contact Geckos on 4411.7031 for further info on this and many other activities that Geckos have on offer!
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

## Tuckshop Talk

May 20 Carol, Sandra, Michelle (½ day)  
 May 21 Leah, Leanne  
 May 22 Belinda, Jo  
 May 25 Helen, Leanne  
 May 26 Fiona

- SLUSHIES ARE BACK - \$1.
- Slushies will be sold Friday afternoon straight after school until 3:00pm.
- We do not accept foreign currency.

## Musical - "The Little Mermaid"



### Musical Rehearsals

All cast members including all Prep students, have rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the hall. **Only 4 to go!**

### Lead Role Rehearsals with Mrs Ransom

1<sup>st</sup> Break - (not Mon) Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri - Scene 1-10  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Break - Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri - Scene 11-20  
 Many lead roles still don't know their lines - please HELP them learn them. **We only have 4 weeks left!!**

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom - Music Teacher



## Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 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

## Kirwan School Access Times

Please note the following gate opening and closure times.

- All external perimeter gates:
  - will be locked daily at 4:00pm.
- Gate at rear of school (Overton Circuit):
  - Weekday mornings - Gate opened 7:45am and closed 9:30am.
  - Weekday afternoons - Gate opened 2:00pm and closed 3:45pm.
- Admin Carpark / Keyhole:
  - will be closed daily at 2:00pm.
- Bike Shed:
  - will be closed daily at 4:00pm.

## Kirwan Keepers



26 May... P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom (postponed from 19 May)  
 02 June ..... Defence Parent Chat Group - 2:00pm Defence Room  
 17 June ..... Athletics Day  
 23 & 24 June ..... School Musical "The Little Mermaid"  
 26 June ..... Last Day of Term 2  
 13 July ..... First Day of Term 3  
 17 July ..... Champions Day  
 14 August ..... Interschool Athletics (Red Track)

## No Dogs

Can I remind the community that our school is a **NO DOG ZONE!** Thank you...



Karen Finnigan - Business Services Manager

## Religious Instruction

Our policy for the delivery of Religious Instruction has changed slightly this year.

If you DO NOT wish for your child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction, please complete and return the slip below via the BSM's payment slot.

**If we do not receive correspondence from you opting out of Religious Instruction then we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in the lessons.** There is no charge for your child/ren's inclusion in Religious Instruction.

Parents are welcome to withdraw their child/ren from Religious Instruction at any time by emailing the school on [admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au).

Children who do not participate in Religious Instruction are supervised to complete school work by a teacher in a separate area of the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance.



## Religious Instruction Non-Participation Advice

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish for my child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stigma associated with head lice

Remember that **ANYONE** can catch head lice.



Let's have a school that keeps head lice under control by:

- talking freely about head lice;
- notifying the school about the presence of head lice (get your copy of notification forms from the school); and
- feeling comfortable about requesting further information and support.