Dear Parents and Caregivers

SOME MATHS TO PONDER

If the speed of term one is anything to gauge, then we will be welcoming the Christmas season very soon. It never ceases to amaze me, how much teaching can be packed into 10 weeks (that’s 50 days give or take) at 5 hours a day. It never ceases to amaze me how much learning our youngest minds are capable of in such a short period of time.

On that subject, I would like to remind parents that every hour of every day counts towards your child’s learning. If your child is missing school regularly for non-essential reasons, then they are effectively being handicapped in their efforts. Similarly, if your child arrives late regularly, then the same applies. Thirty minutes late every day equates to 100 hours of learning time missed in a single year. In the course of a child’s schooling then that adds up to a hefty 1300 hours. All else being equal, a child cannot compete with their peers if they are missing chunks of schooling.

Have your child at school every day, by 8.50am, ready to learn; it’s a great way to start a successful life.

SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

This week, I will be addressing both Senior and Junior assemblies about the importance of being safe over the holidays. While I talk about things like riding with a helmet, not accepting lifts from strangers, and care around the roads, I also discuss the importance of staying clear of our school grounds over the holidays. Children are not permitted in the school grounds during the vacation period, both for their safety and for the security of the school. Thankfully, we have very few incidents of vandalism in our school, mainly due to the fact that we have excellent neighbours, police and security who watch our school. If you do happen to see something which does not look right, then please call SCHOOL WATCH ON 131788. This number will be displayed on the school sign.

There will be some minor works occurring in the school over the holidays including flooring and painting, so our tradies are very welcome!!

SCHOOL GROUNDS REQUEST

Our fantastic School Facilities Officer, Clarrie, works very hard to keep our extensive grounds looking groomed and well kept. Lately, he has been hampered in his efforts by parents and their children who like to stay around after school, particularly in areas which need to be mowed. Please leave the school grounds as quickly as possible in the afternoons, using designated paths and walkways to do so. Workplace Health and Safety requirements prevent Clarrie from mowing if people are in the vicinity so please support your child’s school by removing yourself and your children from areas where mowing is taking place. I thank you for your support in this.

Lastly.....have a fantastic Easter break. Don’t overindulge in the sweet treats and, if you do, then make sure you brush your teeth!

School resumes on Tuesday 22 April (Monday 21 April being a public holiday).

Kind regards ... Until next term

Melissa Jackson
Principal
April. Cost is a gold coin donation and all funds raised will be donated to the Heart Kids Foundation.

HEADLINE
Headlice are popular members of almost every school and we have had a few reports of them lurking amongst the heads of students here at Kirwan. I have included some information below about what you can do to help get rid of the little critters.

It is important to check your child/ren and other family members for head lice regularly as early detection decreases treatment time and helps break the breeding cycle.

The most effective way to detect head lice is by using the hair conditioner and combing method. You will need white coloured hair conditioner, an ordinary comb, a fine tooth head lice comb and white tissue/kitchen cloth. Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp and hair. Use an ordinary comb to detangle hair and evenly distribute the conditioner. Divide the hair into four sections. Comb hair from root to tips using a fine tooth head lice comb. After each stroke, wipe the comb onto a tooth head lice comb. After each stroke, wipe the comb onto a

Treat all household members when head lice has been detected.

• Avoid head to head contact with other persons.
• Keep long hair tied back or in plaits, especially at school.
• Do not share brushes, combs, or pillows.
• Wash combs and hair brushes after each use (60°C for 30 seconds).
• Pillow cases of persons known to be infested should be washed daily on hot cycle or put in the clothes dryer for 15 minutes.

Further information can be found at: http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/infectionsandparasites/parasite/s/headlice_fs.asp

Have a safe holiday and see you all in Term 2.

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 their class recently.

PrepA: Kobi Ferguson (3C): Angus Smart
PrepB: Stephanie Smalley (3D): Kaeliege Boyce
PrepC: Indi Brayshaw (3E): Kristina Harris
PrepD: Giovanni Wallis-Hage (4A): Shari Campbell
PrepE: Cruz Shelton (4B): Cobey Sawyer
PrepF: Malachi Gaudreau (4C): Flynn Currey
1A: Hannah Davis (4B): Logan Quirke
1B: Crystal Darr (4C): Max Channel
1C: Siena Tabacchi (4D): Lync Gilmore
1D: Emily Kenny (4D): Braiden Dirschl
1E: Madison Stevens (5A): Jake Gowlicki
2A: Kacie Diamant (5B): Elicka holding
2B: Chloe Mackay (5C): Michael Davison
2C: Cooper Havasopian (5D): Shane Steven
2D: Roi Aaron (6A): Natasha Van Antwerp
2E: Charlie Benz (6B): Tyler McGrath
2F: Joanie Garbutt (6C): Corey Hopkins
2G: Zakkie Giezendanner (6D): Ryan Birbeck
2H: Max Cook (7C): Connor Anderson
2I: Bella Squivlins (7A): Riley Davis
3A: Zoe Brown (7B): Willow Hills-Amory
3B: Rhys Bligh

Please remember the dress code of Kirwan State School – no singlets, midriff tops, thongs or jewellery to be worn. Thank you for supporting your School Council.

PE News

FUN RUN RESCHEDULED

Due to weather and various other things happening in our busy school with the Head to Head lice to reschedule the fun run to next term. However we also need to have a cross country trial for those students wishing to represent our school at the interschool cross country, which leads to selection for the NQ schools cross country team.

Students who were born in 2004 (turning 10 this year) – 2001 (turning 13 this year) are eligible to trial in Week 1 next term, on Wednesday 23 April at 2.00pm on our school oval to be selected for our school cross country team.

Five girls and five boys will be selected in the 10, 11 and 12 year old age groups, and two 13 year olds will be selected. The distance they run at interschool is 2km for 10 year olds and 3km for 11-13 year olds. If your child wishes to participate in this trial, they need to attend at 2:00pm Wed 23 April on the oval with Mrs Talbot.

The Fun Run will be held on Thursday 01 May - Week 2 Term 2. This event’s focus will be participation, fundraising, fun and school spirit. The same times apply as per the last fun run scheduled. All students will run in their year levels this year, as the selection process for the school team will have been completed.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We did it!! We came 1st at the ‘C’ Schools Interschool Swimming Carnival (tied with St Clare’s Catholic School) for the first time ever (that anyone can remember). St Clare’s finished with a better average on points and they now move up into the ‘B’ school competition next year.

I want to say a big ‘CONGRATULATIONS’ to all the students involved. They trained very hard in the weeks leading up to the carnival, and competed to the best of their ability on the day. Our students also displayed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the whole carnival. We are very proud of you all. Thank you also to Mrs O’Connor, Mrs Newman and Mrs Reid for their help at the carnival.

Only students who placed in the top 3 in Division 1 races received certificates from the TPSS Committee; however I want to recognise all our place-getters in Kirnens.

- Elise Smith 1st Div 1 yrs; Amelia Evans 2nd Div 2 yrs; Skye Briggs 2nd Div 3 yrs.
- 10 yr old boys all placed in their races. Hayden Reid 2nd Div 1; (This race was run twice, after a false start, and Hayden won it the first time round.) Jack Murdoch 1st Div 2; Luca Yates 2nd Div 3; Isaac Trueman 1st Div 4; Aiden Dotta 2nd Div 5.
- 10 yr girls – Jessica Jackson 3rd Div 1 yr; Apryl Noseda 2nd Div 5 yr.
- 11 yr boys all places in their races. Harley Taylor 2nd Div 1; Connor Campbell 2nd Div 2; Joshua Wyllie 3rd Div 3; Tyler Boyle 2nd Div 5; Andrew Evans 2nd Div 6.
- 11yr girls – Annie Hills 1st Div 1; Savannah Egginton 3rd Div 6.
- 12/13yr olds – Aiden Simkin 1st Div 2; Tyler Caris 2nd Div 4; Courtney Reynolds 1st Div 3; Zoe Royan 3rd Div 4; Tiarna Elliott 3rd Div 5; Jasmine Shaw 3rd Div 6.

Relay Results:

- 10 boys - 1st - Jack Murdoch, Luca Yates, Isaac Trueman, Hayden Reid
- 11 boys – 1st - Joshua Smart, Joshua Wyllie, Connor Campbell, Harley Taylor
- 12/13yr boys – 2nd - Aiden Simkin, Marcus Cowan, Tyler Caris, Chris Reid
- 11yr girls – 2nd – Stella Abdel, Brodi Currey, Angel Barry, Annie Hiller
- 12/13yr girls – 2nd - Madison Noseda, Courtney Reynolds, Zoe Royan, Frank Yates

THURINGOWA AND NQ SELECTION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Annie Hillier who made the NQ swimming team - first Kirwan swimmer in nine long years to make the NQ swimming team.

Congratulations to following students for making Thuringowa teams recently: These students will be competing at NQ trials early next term with the aim of being selected in the NQ teams.

Basketball - Franki Yates, Madison Noseda, Kyle Whittom, Dustin Buchan and Luca Yates
- AFL - Trent Austin, Jett Manning, Chris Reid and Marcus Cowan

Before and After School Rules

BEFORE SCHOOL – Parents are asked to send their child/ren directly to the Large Covered Play area (The Shed) to wait until 8:30am. Supervision is provided by staff from 8:15am. Please note that ASU safety equipment, playgrounds and the oval are OUT OF BOUNDS for play before and after school.

AFTER SCHOOL – Students are expected to be out of the school grounds not long after 2:50pm unless of course, they are attending a supervised after school activity, being collected by their parents from one of the school gates or the designated pick up zones or

Troubleshooting

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

- Prep, Years 1 & 2.............. 11:30am – 12:00noon
- Years 3 & 4 ............... 12:15pm – 12:45pm
- Years 5, 6 & 7............. 12:50pm – 1:20pm

P&C Pieces

- The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
- 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. Stock is limited.
  Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete – 24 October 2014

- Our next meeting will be held TONIGHT at 7:00pm 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.
- The Fete Committee is looking for donations of prizes for the Dodgers Stall. Do you own a business that may be able to help or know a business that may donate? If so, please email fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au with the details.
- If you are having a clean out these school holidays, please keep in mind our fete. There are plenty of items we will gladly take off your hands. Donated items can be left with Kim at the tuckshop. Thank you in advance.
  - Second hand books;
  - Pot plants;
  - Clean/label-free jars (jam, peanut butter, pasta sauce, coffee, etc)
  - Scrap material, paints, embroidery threads, cottons, beads & craft glue.

Craft Group

The craft group will be taking a break over the holidays and will meet again on Tuesday 29 April @ 9:00am. More help is needed so please come along and join in. For further information about the craft group in general, please contact Rosemary on 0409.123.649.

Indigenous News

- Indigenous newsletters went home Friday. If you didn’t receive a copy please contact Michelle on 4799.1888. We hope you all have a happy and well-deserved break. Looking forward to meeting some new families in Term 2.
  Strong, Smart and Deadly..........Every day counts at Kirwan.
  Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer

Tuckshop Talk

Apr 02 Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Apr 03 Leanne, Leah
Apr 04 Brett, Jo, Summer
Apr 21 Public Holiday

Defence News

- ANZAC Day is fast approaching and YES, we are marching again this year. The march will be on ANZAC Day, Friday 25 April. Full school uniform including hat, will be required. A letter will be sent home in Term 2 Week 1 containing all information.
- Geckos Family Centre at Lavarack Barracks will be holding a number of activities over the Easter holidays including Defence Kids painting classes, movies and much more. Please contact Geckos on 4411.7031 for more info.
- Easter Egg Hunt is on at Geckos on 16 April 2014 from 1700 hours. Cost will be $7-50 per child; sausage sizzle and soft drinks available for purchase and free Easter craft activity. Please RSVP to 4411.1741 no later than 11 April 2014.
- We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter. Hope the Easter Bunny visits! See you next term.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Important Information about Lost Property

All lost property will be placed out in the Tuckshop covered area on Friday morning and afternoon for collection of lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday afternoon.

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.

Fun Run Fundraiser

The Kirwan State School P.E. Department along with the P&C Committee will be conducting the School Fun Run on Thursday 01 May. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM 28 MARCH.) Students can collect sponsorship and donations for their efforts in this event from now until Friday 02 May which is when all money is due back at the school. All money raised can be left in the P&C Box in the foyer of the office. The P&C is offering incentives for your fundraising efforts as well as an additional $100 gift card to the Junior School highest fundraiser, the Senior School highest fundraiser and the highest fundraiser family. Good luck everyone!

School Photos

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Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager
Year 6/7 Parent Committee

There will be a meeting this Thursday 03 April at 2:00pm in the staffroom to finalise the Mother’s Day stall and discuss the venue for the end of year dinner dance. See you all there!