



KIRNEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers

REPORT CARDS

This year, report cards for the first Semester of the school year will not be distributed until AFTER the Winter vacation. This decision is simply to allow teachers as much teaching time as possible in Unit 4 before they have to make a final assessment. This means that your child's report card will have the most recent, up to date information included.

On the subject of reporting, in 3 weeks time, our teachers will be meeting with teachers from Heatley State School and Bohlevale State School to share work samples and quality teaching practices. This moderating work, which forms part of our teachers' ongoing professional development for the year, is crucial in ensuring that our standards are high and that our judgments are an accurate reflection of a child's achievement.

Our teachers are looking forward to the professional conversations.

KOKUGAKUIN SCHOOL

I am thrilled to announce that the Japanese students from the Kokugakuin School will, once again, be paying us a visit for a half day on 31 July. This is the third year of this wonderful event which has become a much anticipated one in our school calendar.

As we have two cohorts of school leaders this year, the buddy places (30 in total) will be open to both Year 6 and Year 7 students. Students who are interested need to write a persuasive text telling me why they think they would make a good buddy to the Japanese students. These applications close on 20 June.

I am, once again, looking forward to watching our visitors' delight (or otherwise) as they taste Vegemite and beetroot, pavlova and Iced Vovos, play Aboriginal children's games and demonstrate their prowess at Origami. Last year we were also treated to a school song from our nervous visitors.

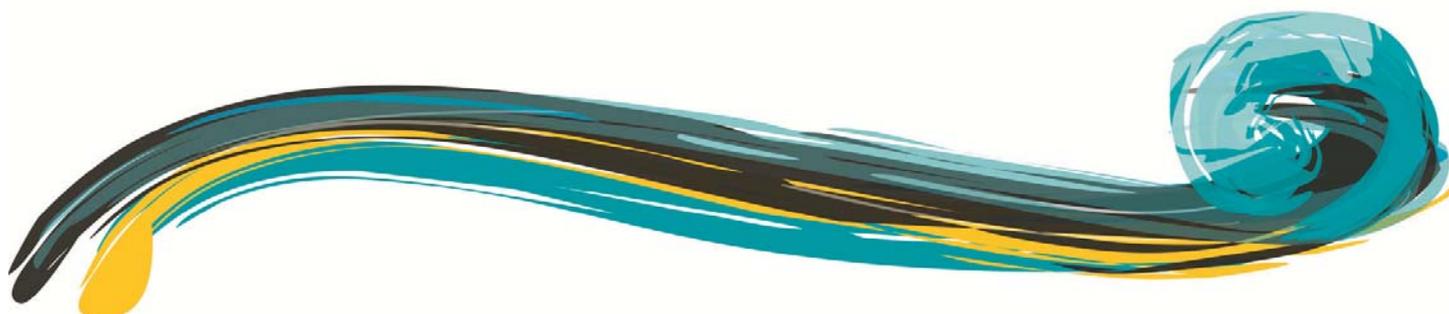
P&C MEETING

I look forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting tonight at 7.00pm. All are very welcome.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

GOOD HEALTH

Thanks to those parents who are vigilant and diligent in identifying and managing the issues of ill-health that occur from time to time with their children. Thank you also to the parents who are eternally watchful for head lice. (They always make an appearance.) If your child is afflicted with head lice or an illness that may require them to remain at home for a short period, please check with the school to verify the period of exclusion or go to the Queensland Health website and view the Time Out poster. (You will also find a copy of the poster within your enrolment folder.) Please remember to send a letter or phone or email the school to let us know of any absences.

www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout_poster.pdf

READING SUCCESS

The single most important activity for building understandings and skills essential for reading success appears to be reading aloud and reading with children. High-quality book reading occurs when children feel emotionally secure and are active participants in reading. Asking predictive and analytic questions in small-group settings appears to affect children's vocabulary and comprehension of stories. Children may talk about the pictures, retell the story, discuss their favourite actions, and request multiple re-readings. It is the talk that surrounds the storybook reading that gives it power, helping children to bridge what is in the story and their own lives.

It is not just books that help children to read but immersing your child in print, labels, newspapers, subtitles on TV or with films, billboards and signs. There are so many ways you can 'read' with your child.



Reading at home and valuing reading develops in young children a love for reading and writing. As *Rasinski and Fredericks* put it, "A literate home environment doesn't teach children how to read; rather, it provides children with opportunities to enjoy reading and discover the many ways it can be used to enrich the experiences in their lives."

BEGINNER INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS

Our beginner instrumental students have been working hard to master the basic playing techniques of their musical instrument. Their hard work and commitment has certainly paid off and they began playing in our Beginner Concert Band yesterday. Most of these students have only had the opportunity so far to play with 2 - 5 other students in lessons; now they will be playing and performing with 21 different students across 3 instrumental families. I am looking forward to hearing them. Well done.

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	Jaymie-Leigh Hall	3C	Mitchell Royan
PrepB	Holly Richards	3C	Cage Streeter
PrepC	Te Mana Royal	3C	CJ Milton
PrepD	Charli Harris	3D	Chloe Costello
PrepE	Brodie Cains	3E	Mackenzie Gullison
PrepF/1F	Taehya Chong	4A	Nikita Saputo
1A	Chelsea Mackay	4A	Te-Hani Simmons
1B	Logan Buraw	4B	Kaitlyn Stewart
1C	Olivia Hansen	4C	Amelia Kugler
1D	Nicola Massaro	4D	Jett Newman
1E	Sophia Taylor	5A	Bryanna Harris
2A	Dane Ransom	5C	Emily Rogers
2B	Ava Leeson	5D	Kyrone Cherry
2C	Jasmin Kennedy	6B	Jon Alfred
2D	Lucy-Anne Thomas	6C	Kia Mills
2E	Joseph Evans	6D	Jorja Denney
2E	Lachlan McConkey	6E/7C	Sasha Taylor
3A	Zachary Taylor	7B	Chauntey Stewart
3B	Luke Bennie		

Request for Additional Student Reports

Please be advised that notice of 72 hours will need to be given to office staff in the event that an additional student report is required. We thank you in anticipation of your understanding and co-operation.



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Bats, which include flying foxes, are found across Queensland, with many bat colonies roosting near human populations. Whilst bats are vitally important to the environment, some bats may carry bacteria and viruses, such as Australian bat lyssavirus (ABLV), which can be harmful to humans. Bats are found in both rural and urban environments and provided they are left alone and not touched, pose minimal risk to humans. As children, out of curiosity or empathy, may want to investigate or rescue fallen bats, it is important to educate them about how to act safely around bats.

KEY MESSAGES WHEN TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT BATS

- Don't be scared of bats flying overhead

Bats are often seen flying overhead at night-time. Bats, including flying foxes, are crucial to keeping native forests healthy. They play an important role in the environment by eating insects or dispersing seeds and pollinating flowering plants.

- Don't try to touch or pick up bats

Bats roost in trees. If a bat is found on or near the ground, it is probably sick or injured. Disturbing an injured bat may frighten it, causing it to scratch or bite. If you see a bat on or near the ground, stay away from it and tell an adult. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has details on how to [report injured, sick or orphaned bats](#).

- What to do if you are bitten or scratched by a bat

If you are accidentally bitten or scratched by a bat, tell a responsible adult immediately, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and see a doctor as quickly as you can. This is because bats can pass on viruses to you that can make you very sick.

The Department of Health has produced a 'Kids and bats' poster which can be found at [Protecting kids from Australian bat lyssavirus](#). This poster can be used with primary school-aged children to educate them on what to do around bats.

- Don't try to hurt bats

Trying to hurt bats may put yourself or others at risk. If you injure a bat, they may end up on or close to the ground where they may scratch or bite you or other people.

- Watch bats from a distance

You can learn about bats by watching them in real life roosting in trees, flying at night or as part of a wildlife show. You can avoid being scratched or bitten as long as you remain a safe distance from them and don't try to handle them. Wildlife carers are trained in handling bats and are vaccinated so they don't get sick from bats.

KEY WEBSITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Department of Health

[Australian Bat Lyssavirus](#)

- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

[Types of Bats](#)

[Living near flying foxes](#)

[Reporting injured sick or orphaned wildlife](#)

From the Chaplain

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the Kirwan School Community for your support for the Chappy Week Celebration. A special thank you to Mrs Jackson, Mr Woodhouse, Mrs Murdock, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Cross, Mrs Newman, Mr Cockburn, Mr & Mrs Reid, and Mrs Dodd for your help with the sausage sizzle. Mrs Jackson did a great job at cooking on the BBQ and it was a great success! I think everyone enjoyed the Radio Broadcast, activities and the sausage sizzle.

Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain

Fun Run Money Due THIS Friday 23 May

The due date for Fun Run money has been extended to Friday 23 May. Please have all Fun Run money returned by this date.

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 afternoon.



Kirwan Keepers



20 May	P&C Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
23 May	Fun Run money due back by today
29 May	800m Races & March Past
30 May	Kirwan Athletics Carnival
03 June	Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
03 June	Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
18 June	Champions Day
24 October	School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

Fete - 24 October 2014

- Our next fete meeting is on Tuesday 03 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Class Stalls are:

Prep A	Show bags/Lucky dips
Prep B	Popcorn
Prep C	Drinks/Chips/Chocolates
Prep D	100 Board
Prep E	Toffees/Cakes
Prep F/1F	Drinks/Chips/Chocolates
1A	Ice-creams
1B	Ice-creams
1C	Roast Beef Rolls
1D	Cent Sale
1E	Tattoos
2A	Craft Stall
2B	Craft Stall
2C	Cent Sale
2D	Glow Products
2E	Hairspray
3A	Sausage Sizzle
3B	Sausage Sizzle
3C	Sausage Sizzle
3D	Coin on a Can
3E	Knock 'Em Downs
4A	Plant Stall/Tombola
4B	Plant Stall/Tombola
4C	Plant Stall/Tombola
4D	Show bags/Lucky dips
5A	Baked Potatoes
5B	Baked Potatoes
5C	Baked Potatoes
5D	Second Hand Books
6A	Dunking Machine
6B	Roast Beef Rolls
6C	Roast Beef Rolls
6D	Toffees/Cakes
6E/7C	Plot of Gold
7A	Fairy Floss
7B	House of Horrors

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French News

Congratulations to the 21 students who participated in the Alliance Francaise poetry competition and to the 2 students who made it to the final interview of the Julie Radcliffe speech contest against students from Years 6 to 10. The 2 students were interviewed about their speech by a panel of three judges this past weekend and both came out with smiles.



This week is another big week with the start of the Language Perfect competition on Monday. I was able to gain 100 free entries for Kirwan and students from Years 5 to 7 are competing.



Bonne Chance!

Mademoiselle

Congratulations from the HPE DEPARTMENT

- Congratulations to Kaya Anapa who made the NQ Rugby League team.
- Heath Jones, Harley Taylor, Jonathan Alfred, Andrew Evans and Riley Green made the Thuringowa 11 Years Rugby League team. Well done! (Sixty-six boys trialed so this team was very hard to make.)
- Kirwan students who finished in the top 10 at Interschool Cross Country now qualify to trial for the NQ Cross Country team.
10 Year boys – Seth Johnson and Tylor Winnet
12 Year boys – Trent Austin and Jett Manning
Best of luck at the NQ Cross Country trials today.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

P&C Pieces

- The next P&C general meeting is on TONIGHT Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!
- Don't forget to get your Reversible School Hats in your house colour for sports day on 30 May. They are available from the uniform shop in F Block on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45am and are \$12 each.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

The Year 6/7 Parent Committee will be selling house coloured icy cups at the sports carnival on Friday 30 May. Helpers are needed to sell on the day.

Craft Group

The craft group ladies meet every Tuesday from 9:00am. If you would like to meet some friendly ladies who have a passion for craft, tea and coffee and a good old yarn, please go along and join them at 79 Burnda Street, Kirwan. The more the merrier!



Tuckshop Talk

May 21	Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
May 22	Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
May 23	Belinda, Jo
May 26	Mad Murdock Monday
May 27	Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop DOES NOT ACCEPT foreign currency.

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 03 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- On Sunday 25 May from 10:00am to 1:00pm DCO will be celebrating National Families Week. This Fun Day will be held at Kennedy Regiment Plaza and the Parade Ground at Jezzine Barracks Precinct. There will be outdoor activities and amusements as well as the Defence Wall of Inspiration Mural in the North Queensland Army Museum. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available for purchase.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kindy Fundraiser – Entertainment books

C&K Kirwan are currently selling entertainment books to fundraise for the Kindy. Books are \$60 with lots of great offers for Townsville businesses. If you would like to purchase a book please contact Nicole Argall on 0439 952 226 or you can go online and purchase a digital membership at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/27118q4>

Thanks...

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