



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

All systems are go for a great start to Term 3. As you would have read last week, this term is full of exciting opportunities for our students, in and out of the classroom. To start the term we have a growing number of enrolments for all year levels. As the Admin team and I have walked around the school with our new families, it has been easy, once again, to be proud of Kirwan. Classrooms are bright, busy, well presented and engaging. Grounds are neat and well cared for. The school is clean, neat and tidy. A huge thanks to our Schools Officer, Mr Clarrie and our cleaning staff for the top job you are doing in presenting our school in top shape for our students every day. Thank you. Please read on. I encourage all parents to get to know what is happening at school, with your children, in their class, right down to what they are learning each day.

Reporting

Reports will go out to students on Wednesday. Please see an article by Mr Woodhouse in this Kirnews. It will explain all about what you can expect from reports.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Thank you to parents who have completed their online surveys. All surveys are confidential. Your online access code gives you access to the survey and there is no tracking of parent responses. I encourage all parents to complete a survey (if you received an access code). The information is very useful to our school. We celebrate what we are doing well and of course, work on areas that need improvement. Your feedback is appreciated.

If you need online access to complete a survey please feel free to contact the school and we can make arrangements for you to use one of ours.

Uniform Free Day

This Friday will be a uniform free day. All students are encouraged to come in their favourite sports colours – gold coin donation please. We are raising money to cover the costs to send our girl AFL team to Brisbane for the Queensland Final of the AFL Cup. Our girls play very well. Go Kirwan.

Athletics Training

Parents and Carers, thank you for your support of our training programs in the school. Your students will know if they are in a squad. Please encourage them to come to all training sessions.

Swimming – Year 2 and 3

Thank you parents and carers for your great response to our swimming note last week; much appreciated.

Preparatory Year Enrolments

Enrolments for 2016 Prep Year students will commence on Monday 03 August (start of Week 4). Parents can collect an enrolment package from the school from this date. Enrolment interviews will commence in Week 7 (24 August). We will have our open days and come and try days in Term 4. Please tell your family and friends that we will be taking out of zone enrolments for 2016 Prep students.

Coffee for our Staff

Last Thursday Queensland Teachers Mutual Bank paid for all teachers and school staff to have a coffee at first break. It was wonderful. I had a large mocha (extra chocolate). Thank you. It was wonderful for the QTM Bank to acknowledge the hard work of our staff. I think they will be coming back.....

Enjoy your week... Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann

Acting Principal



From the Deputy Principal – Tony Woodhouse

Semester 1 report cards are issued this week.

Like most Queensland State Schools, Kirwan State School teachers teach units of work devised by our department to enact and teach the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. Assessment tasks within these units allow teachers to make judgements about how well students are currently achieving against the Australian Standard. Due to the implementation of this new curriculum and standard, you may see differences in your child's achievement grades.

In previous years, schools and teachers would design their own units based on the current curriculum and their knowledge of what counts as an A, B, C etc. However, at this point in time we have an agreed Australian Curriculum and Achievement Standard. In a nutshell, this means that teachers are expected to make judgements about student achievement using pre-determined criteria set against a national standard.



The achievement standards are written at a 'C' standard and are typical of what a successful student knows and can do by the end of that year level. So a 'C' means that the student has consistently demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the curriculum taught to date at year level standard. In a nutshell, a 'C' is exactly where the typical student needs to be.

With this in mind, it may simply be a lot harder to get an 'A' or a 'B'. To achieve an overall 'A' or 'B', students need to consistently demonstrate knowledge, skill and understanding at a higher standard than a typical student. If your child has received a 'D', he or she may still be capable of achieving a 'C' by the end of the year.


Furthermore, this means that it may not be reliable to compare students' previous year level grades with the current grades. For more information on the Australian Curriculum and Standards, visit <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>.

The Little Mermaid

We still have some programs left over from this amazing production. If you would like a program, they are \$4 each and are available from Miss Hampton in Prep C.

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	Shelley Phineasa	3A	Ashton Bellert
PrepB	Kiara Hubbard	3B	Sam Conroy
PrepB	Simon Zimmer	3C	Cheyenne Blinkhorn
PrepC	Cooper Dixon	3C	Matthew Graham
PrepD	Alyssa Hardy	3D	Tyson Barry
PrepD	Elska-Mia Page-Maramba	3E	Joseph Evans
PrepE	Alana Sibley	3E	Peta-Jane Bogdanek
1A	Ayce Lawrence	3F/4E	Dylan Mundy
1B	Maddison O'Meara	3F/4E	Shane Smiley
1C	Sarah Talbot	4B	Jayde McGlynn
1C	Lathan King	4B	Amelia Evans
1D	Zane Dempsey	4C	Tshana Steen
1E	Hayley Phillis	4D	Debrianna Alfred
2A	Oscar Thomas	5A	Thomas Hounslow
2B	Ella Hielscher-Green	5B	Pheebe Kelliher
2C	Jevahntay Ahuriri	5B	Jack Humphreys
2C	Aiden Parrish	5C	Jalen Goldsworthy
2D	Ethan Jorgensen	6C	Zain Ali
2E	Kiarra Jopling	6D	Shakira Ayres-Robson
3A	Isabella Finlay	6D	Shania Nordlof

50 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 Gotchas!

Edgar Javelona – 6B	Yusuf Mohideen – 1C
Alani Spence – 1C	Lainey Horton – 1C
Alyssa Sinclair – 6C	Georgia Tickle – 6C
Lauren Bennie – 6C	Aiden Dotta – 6C
Amelia Eustace – 6C	Rihann Steven – 2E
Kaileigh Buckley – 2E	Zac Gibson – 2E
Chase Hines – 1D	Isabella Gibson – 3C
Riley Piggott – 3C	Hyun Seo Yoon – 3C
Cadence Purkis-Arthur – 6C	



Language Ambassador Conference

Last week eight students from Year 5 and 6 were selected to attend the Young Language Ambassador Conference on Wednesday 15 July at James Cook University. The aim of the conference was to promote leadership skills as well as language and cultural awareness in schools. Three out of the eight students were chosen to speak in front of other school students about why language education was important to them. Well done to Te-hani Simmons, Liam Smith and Jade Daly who were brave enough to speak confidently about their passion for the French language. Also thank you to the other students who attended - Reanna Winter, Jessica Jackson, Taylor Auhl, Jemma Auhl and Sulé Tschirpig. A big thank you to Tracy Sipple for driving five of the students to and from the conference and Mr Woodhouse for ensuring the day was able to go ahead with such short notice. The day was a great success and these students look forward to promoting the French language at Kirwan State School.



Amanda Hameon- French Teacher

HPE News

AFL Girls

Congratulations to our Kirwan AFL girls who are off to the Gold Coast in 2 weeks time to contest the State Final of the Gold Coast Suns Cup!! The team consists of the following students: Stella Abbott (Cpt), Shania Nordlof, Savannah Jackson, Keely Harrison, Jazmin Corbet, Ashlee Partridge-Wregg, Jhoewena Cruz, Tenika Hills-Amory, Tyrona Sonogan, Kyrah Craigie and Apryl Nosedo. If you see them around, wish them luck!!

To help cover the costs of the trip, we will be holding two fundraisers during the next few weeks, the first being this Friday 24 July. **This Friday will be a Free Dress Day. Come dressed in your favourite sports outfit for a gold coin donation!** The second fundraiser will be the selling of water bottles. The school will be ordering quality personalised BPA-free metal drink bottles from drinkbottlefundraiser.com.au. Students will be able to choose from 5 colours, 20 different images (including our school logo), and 2 different sizes. The prices will be \$18 for a 470ml bottle and \$20 for a 740ml bottle. Each water bottle we sell will raise \$5 for the school, and order forms will be sent home soon!

Champions Day and Red Track Team

Congratulations to all those students who competed on Champions Athletics Day last Friday. Age Champions will be announced at assembly next week. (We have a tie in one age group!!) The red track team has now been selected from results on the day and all students selected had notes go home yesterday. (See notes for the training schedule which commenced today.) A copy of the red track team and training schedule has also been placed on my office door. All red track permission notes need to be returned to school, together with payment, by Friday 7 August (only 2 weeks time). Red Track will be held at the Sports Reserve on Friday 14 August. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Talbot.

Yours in Sport...

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan Keepers



21 July	..... P&C Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
22 July	..... Report cards distributed
23 July	..... Year 3 Swimming Lessons start today
24 July	..... Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation
27-30 July	..... Boori Monty Pryor Visit
28 July	..... ICAS English
3 & 4 August	..... Hearing Health Screen for ATSI children
11 August	..... ICAS Mathematics
14 August	..... Interschool Athletics (Red Track)
18 September	..... Last day of Term 3
06 October	..... First day of Term 4

Curriculum Corner

Boori Monty Pryor Visit

There is an air of anticipation and excitement as we count the days to Boori's visit.

Boori will be at our school from Monday, 27th July to Thursday, 30th July. Our Year 2s and 3s will be working with Boori over eight sessions each, telling stories through drama and art. Our Year 1s, 4s, 5s and 6s will visit Boori for one session each in the afternoons. It is always a fantastic learning experience when working with Boori for students and teachers alike. At the end of the week, why not pop down to your child's classroom to view the class murals and ask your child to recount the events and retell the story.

Kokugakuin Students

On 30 July our Year 6 students will be playing host to a group of Year 10 Japanese students and their teachers from Kokugakuin High School. The half-day session will include the sharing of cultural activities, including the tasting of vegemite and beetroot, a story session with Boori Monty Pryor and observing our talented school captain, Harley, playing the didgeridoo.

ICAS

ICAS English – Tuesday, 28th July [Years 2 – 6]

ICAS Mathematics – Tuesday, 11th August [Years 2 – 6]

Students are being provided with 2B pencils, but will need to supply an eraser for English and a ruler [mm] and a calculator for Mathematics. All testing is being held in the Resource Centre [Library].

Hearing Health Screening Program For Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children

The Hearing Health Screening team will be visiting our school on 03 and 04 August. This will involve group health education, including correct nose blowing, on the 3rd and hearing screening on the 4th. Forms are still being collected if you were unable to return them before the holidays.

Report Cards

These are busily being read, re-read, signed and printed as I type, in preparation for being handed out tomorrow, Wednesday 22 July. Please let teachers know if your family needs more than one report card printed if you haven't already.

Reports are feedback for students, parents and teachers as to how the student is travelling at this mid-point of the year. The Achievement Standards for each grade level start with the words, 'By the end of the year...', so these reports will give a good idea of strengths and areas to work upon. Goal-setting is an effective way to aid students in improving in the areas of perceived need. Ask your child what goals they have achieved in Semester One and have set in place for the coming semester. Goals don't get achieved without effort and a positive attitude; life skills the students can take with them into the wider community.

Celebrate all the achievements – small and large and everything in between ☺.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Leanne Moore – Acting Head of Curriculum

Tuckshop Talk

Jul 22 Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Jul 23 Leah, Leanne
Jul 24 Belinda, Jo
Jul 27 Helen, Leanne
Jul 28 Fiona, Shanelle

- **PARENTS!** Please make sure you are using this year's menu and prices. Items will be substituted!
- **50c Icy Cups for sale on Friday afternoon 2:50pm - 3:00pm.**

Term & Vacation Times for 2015 & 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

P&C Pieces

Next P&C Meeting

Our P&C meeting will be held **TONGIHT Tuesday 21 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. 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.

- Music polo shirts & long black pants – all \$10 each
- Polo shirts, skirts & skorts – all \$5 each
- Check dresses and shirts – all \$10 each

Jumper Update – Jumpers are in production and we are hoping to have these in the next couple of weeks. Once a confirmation date for the delivery has been received we will update everyone further.

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

Prep & Year 1 Classes – Tea Towel Fundraiser



For all the Prep and Year 1 classes – your order forms will be issued this week for the souvenir tea towel fundraiser. All forms and payments are to be received at the payment window by Friday 7 August 2015. (If paying by cheque, please make payable to Kirwan State School P&C Association.)

An example of the tea towel will be on display near the payment window should you wish to view before making your purchase.

****** Funds raised from this activity will be used towards resources for the school. ******

These make excellent gifts and are an amazing keepsake. ☺ Do not miss out on placing your orders!

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

Defence News

- Hi everyone. Our next chat group will be on Tuesday 28 July in the Defence Room starting at 2:00pm.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Years 2 and 3 Swimming Lessons

Mondays 11:30am 2A
12:00noon..... 2B
12:30pm 2F
1:00pm 2D
1:30pm..... 2E
2:00pm..... 2C

Thursdays 12:00noon..... 3A
12:30pm 3C
1:00pm 3D + 3F
1:30pm 3E
2:00pm 3B



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

Thuringowa SHS Year 6 → 7 Orientation Day

Thuringowa State High School invite students from Year 6 who may be planning to attend Thuringowa SHS in 2016 to attend an Orientation Day on Wednesday 05 August 2015. On this day students will trial a range of secondary school subjects and experience a day in the life of a Year 7 student at Thuringowa State High School.

The day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 2:15pm. Students will be responsible for their own transport to and from the school and will need to take their lunch, hat and a drink. They will require writing materials.

For more information please contact Ms Cassandra King on cking145@eq.edu.au or 4753 8888.