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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2015

It is at this stage of the year that we start preparations and planning for classes for the 2015 school year. If you know that you will be leaving Kirwan SS at the end of the year, please let us know via phone or email to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au so that we can have a fairly accurate appraisal of our numbers for the new year.

Now is also the time when I ask parents to put in writing any special consideration in terms of their child's placement for 2015. If you have an individual request, this should be written, enclosed in an envelope, addressed to the The Principal, Kirwan State School and marked "private and confidential". I would like to stress that requests for individual teachers are not valid special considerations. Special consideration may be given for a range of individual, personal circumstances. Please note that all requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Special requests need to be delivered to the school no later than Monday 3 November. Requests received after this date may not be considered.

I often field queries regarding "repeating" or "retention" (as it is more commonly referred to these days). We have an in-depth process to determine the best outcome for these requests and any requests for retention **MUST** be delivered to the office in writing by the close of business on Monday 3rd November.

If you are considering a request to "retain" your child, please note the following:

- You should discuss this with your child's teacher in the first instance;
- You should approach the office staff for a copy of an article published by Deakin University who have conducted an in-depth study into the effects of retention;
- You should realise that the principal can only approve ONE year of retention for any child. That is to say, you cannot repeat year one and then year 12 approved by a school Principal.
- Retention is RARE. In this school, with a population of over 900 students, we would retain about one or two students a year. There is a reason for this....it's not that we are against retention....it's that retention is not always the answer....in fact, in many cases it can do more harm than good.

And lastly...

IT'S KIRWAN CARNIVALE THIS FRIDAY...SEE YOU THERE FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

RESILIENCE!

Personal resiliency is about our assets – the resources, attributes and skills that help us recover from negative events or feelings, cope with challenges and adversity, and look after ourselves when things aren't going well. For our students being resilient helps them:

- Stay calm and feel better;
- Stop from getting angry and helps them keep friends;
- Control their behaviour when they are upset;
- Bounce back after disappointment.

Ways students can be resilient at school:

- When someone treats them unfairly, they stop getting too angry or lashing out;
- When they make mistakes, they stop themselves from getting very down and withdrawing;
- When they do not understand something, they stop themselves from getting angry or upset;
- When they are teased or ignored, they stop themselves from turning a small problem into a big problem;
- When they have an important test or speech, they stop themselves from getting extremely worried.

INTERNET TIPS FOR PARENTS




In this age of technology into which children have been born, they are often more knowledgeable and skilful in using computers than parents are. There are many things parents can do to help and guide their children in safely using the Internet even though they may be less knowledgeable about how to actually access and use the Internet themselves. Parents/carers need to talk to their children about a number of things:

1. **The house rules** – establishing rules about the amount of time they are permitted to spend online and when they can do it, e.g. after homework, when chores are done, after some outside activity etc.
2. **Stranger Alert** - your children already know about not talking to strangers. You need to remind them that people on the Internet that they don't know are strangers too and they must not give out any personal information. Ensure their Email address doesn't give their name away.
3. **Place the computer in a central place** where there is plenty of family activity and you can monitor your child's work. A computer in a child's bedroom is out of sight.
4. **Surf the net together** so you can explore and assess the sites visited together.
5. **Teach your children** what to do if someone says something inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable on-line. Encourage your children to tell you about anything inappropriate they come across.
6. **Blocking and filtering software** is readily available to help prevent undesirable material entering your home via the Internet.
7. **Do not let your child give out their email address** without your permission. Much unsolicited material can come into your home as junk mail. Often this junk mail is very inappropriate.
8. **Never let your child use a credit card online** without your direct supervision and permission.

Enjoy together the enrichment that the Internet can bring to your children's learning in a safe, positive, educational and fun way.

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	Nala Iosefo	2B	Toby Gaudreau
PrepB	Sacha Fish	2C	Keely Laffin
PrepB	Naomi Mak	2D	Christian Tapaaitau
PrepC	Grace Mertz	2D	Shelby Sellen
PrepD	Seth Werbel	2E	Harley Dainer
PrepE	Toby Manders	2E	Hannah Buchanan
PrepF/1F	Stella Spiteri	3A	Bradley Broom
1A	Max Kendall	3B	Luke Bennie
1B	Oliver Rokesky	3B	Shaun Clarke
1C	Darius Topp	3C	Danielle Hopkins
1D	Amalie Walker	3D	Isra Tschirpig
1E	Uriel Tucker	3D	Shane Smiley
2A	Ella-Paige Rizos	3E	Zoe Patroni
2A	Matthew Lorber	3E	Jet Smalley

From the Deputy Principal - Trish McEvey

LIFE EDUCATION – A REMINDER TO PAY YOUR FEES

A reminder that **The Life Education Mobile Learning Centre** has been organised to visit **Kirwan State School** from **14 November – 2 December**. Please return your envelope with the \$7.00 cost for your child to attend. If you have misplaced the envelope simply write your child's name, class and Life Education fees on an envelope containing the relevant money. Children not attending will be supervised back in the classroom during these sessions.



Life Education is about prevention through education – providing your child with important knowledge, skills, confidence and self-esteem to help them live a healthy, safe life. The mobile classrooms make the program accessible, exciting and memorable. Educators use up-to-date technology and teaching methods, and engage students through interactive games and activities. Healthy Harold the giraffe, a much loved mascot, helps to deliver the messages to primary school children.

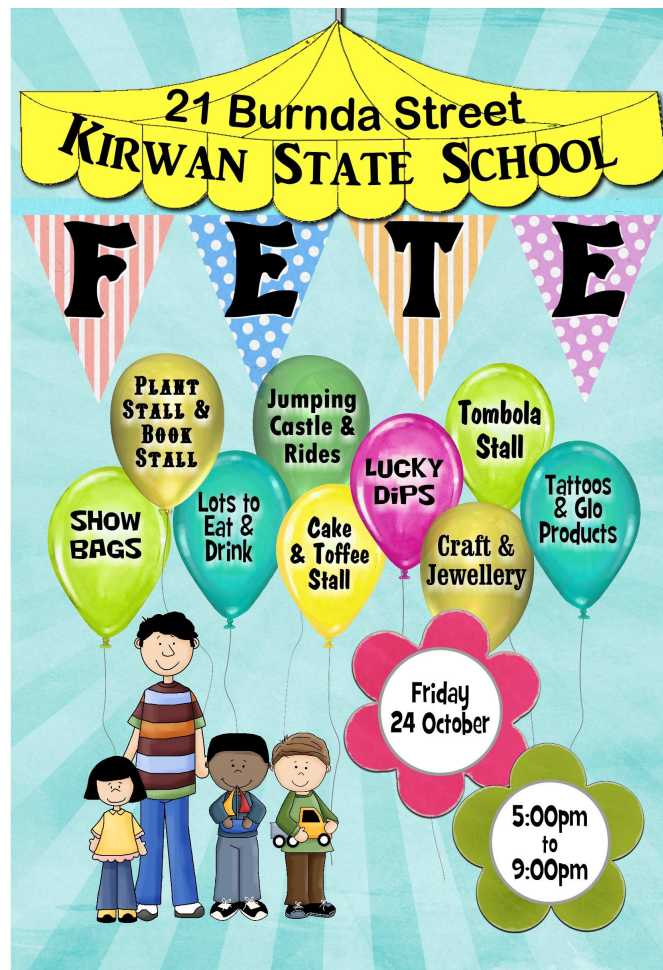
What your child will learn.....

The Life Education program is delivered by specialist educators in a fun learning environment. The age appropriate material covers various topics including:

- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Personal Safety
- Effective Communication Skills
- Bullying and Cyber Safety
- Smoking and Alcohol

The program roll out for classes will be organised once numbers have been established and published in KIRNEWS on Tuesday 11 November.

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal



Dodgers Due Back

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD DODGERS

ARE RETURNED ASAP TO THE P&C BOX IN THE OFFICE!

Kirwan Keepers



21 October.. Fete Meeting TONIGHT – 6:00pm in the Staffroom
21 October P&C Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
 30 October Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 October Prep Come and Try Day - 9:15-10:50am
 04 November Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
 06 November . Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
 14 Nov – 02 Dec Life Education Visit to Kirwan SS
 08 December..... Prep Come and Try Day - 9:15-10:50am
 08 December..... Whole School Transition Day
 08 December..... Kirwan Christmas Concert
 10 December..... Year 6/7 Graduation
 10 December..... Report Cards issued
 10 December..... Year 6/7 Dinner Dance
 12 December..... Last day of Term 4
 27 January 2015..... First day of Term 1 2015

P&C Pieces

• Our next general meeting is tonight Tuesday 21 October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

Oct 22 Carol, Fiona, Sandra
 Oct 23 Leanne, Leah
 Oct 24 Jo, Belinda
 Oct 27 Mad Murdock Monday
 Oct 28 Jenni

▪ TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED AFTER 1st BREAK ON FRIDAY DUE TO FETE PREPARATION!

Tuckshop Fete Menu

Large Chips-----	\$6	Cup of Chips-----	\$3
Chirros-----	\$3	Calamari & Chips-----	\$7
Fish & Chips-----	\$7	Hamburger-----	\$5

Defence News

- Hi everyone...
- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 04 November starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. As this is Melbourne Cup Day, we would like everyone to bring a plate of nibbles to share.
- Sunday 26 October starting at 6:00am is the Geckos Monster Garage Sale held at Annandale State School so come along and grab a bargain.
- The Defence Children's Christmas Party is on at Geckos on 22 November from 1500h-1800h. Cost is \$25 per child. RSVP to Geckos at Lavarack on 4411.7031 before 07 November.
- Carols at Lavarack are on Friday 29 November from 1800h at Geckos. BBQ, food and drinks available for purchase.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Are You Transferring?

It's that time of the year again! The end of the school year is in sight and many of our students will be transferring to new locations. If you happen to be one of those families who know that you will be relocating at the end of the year, (or think you may be), we would love to hear from you. We ask that you fill the form out at the end of Kirnews and return it to the school office for processing. This will help in the smooth running of the office and with the great load of paperwork at this very hectic time of the year. Thank you.

Dental Van On-Site

The Dental Van is currently on-site and will begin student consultations very soon. Year 6 and Year 7 students will be the first classes seen before they leave for high school at the end of the year, followed by other year levels if time permits. Please note that the dental van will still be on-site at the beginning of the 2015 school year and staff will then catch up with any students who missed out on an appointment time this year.

Important Dates for 2015 Prep Enrolments

30 October----- Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 October----- Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
 8 December -- Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

Fete is This Friday 24 October 2014 – 5:00-9:00pm

There are only **3 DAYS** until the fete. Please come along and support the school. There will be loads of stalls including plants, tombola, craft, cakes, popcorn, fairy floss, toffees, cent sale and more! Grab some dinner - pizza, roast beef rolls, sausage sizzle - and the tuckshop will be open selling hot chips, calamari and hamburgers. There will be entertainment on the big stage throughout the evening and loads of rides for the kids to enjoy.

- **RIDES WRISTBANDS** – last day to pre-buy for \$30 is this Thursday 23/10/14. Dodgem cars will now be included in the rides!
- **DONATIONS STILL REQUIRED**
 - Cakes/biscuits/slices to be dropped at the Tuckshop from 23/10.
 - Plants
 - 2 Litre ice-cream containers
 - Boxes of small chips
 - Bags of small chocolates
 All of these items can be left with Kim at the Tuckshop.
- **DODGERS** – Please ensure all sold and unsold dodgers are returned ASAP to the P&C Box in the Office.
- **FINAL FETE MEETING TONIGHT** – Our final fete meeting is tonight from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Staffroom.

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- Dinner Dance notes have gone home. Payment is required by 07 November if your child wishes to attend. The Dinner Dance is being held on Wednesday 10 December at the Mecure Inn.
- The next Year 6/7 Parent Committee meeting is on Thursday 06 November at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.
- If you haven't returned your chocolate money please do so ASAP!

Kirwan Fete Cake Stall – Friday 24 October

We are seeking donations of cakes, slices and biscuits for the cake stall at the fete. So that we can sell your donation the following steps should be followed:

- There MUST be a label on the item stating the ingredients in the item. (We are unable to sell without this.)
- The item should be placed on a disposable plate/container and covered in glad wrap or sealed in a bag.
- All donations should be left at the tuckshop from 8:00am Thursday 23/10/14.

Below are some labels that you may use with common ingredients (cross out the ones you did not use) and add those that are not listed. You can also create your own labels with paper or stickers BUT most importantly ensure the label is on your product.

Ingredients: Flour Sugar Eggs Milk Nuts Butter Margarine Icing Sugar Cocoa Chocolate Coconut Salt Vanilla Essence Fruit Cheese Cream
Other _____
Other _____

Thank you for supporting our Fete.

3E Fete News

KNOCK 'EM DOWN

Come and see Mrs Flynn and 3E at the fete!! Only \$2 for 3 throws – every child wins a prize!!



I would like to sincerely thank those parents who have donated prizes for our KNOCK 'EM DOWN stall. Without your generosity there would not be success.

Mrs Flynn ☺

Transfer Notice

Yes, our family will be transferring from Kirwan Primary at the end of the school year.

Name	Class
_____	_____
_____	_____

His/Her/Their last day at Kirwan Primary will be: _____

We will be transferring to (name of school/town): _____

