



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Well done Kirwan; a successful term in and out of the classroom. I am proud of our school and in particular our staff for the quality of opportunities provided for our students and families. This term they included:

- Whole School ANZAC Day Remembrance parade;
- Prep to Year 6 Fun Run and school Cross Country team selection;
- Quality school photographs;
- Formal parent/teacher interviews;
- Thuringowa and North Queensland sports trials and selections;
- Chappy morning celebrations;
- ICAS testing challenges;
- Gala sports days for Netball, League, AFL and Union;
- Whole school sports day;
- Whole school musical – The Little Mermaid Jnr;
- Under 8's Day;
- Quality teaching and learning in every room, every day; and
- Pastoral care, nurturing and support for every child.

Our teaching staff have also challenged themselves this term with their professional learning and practice. We have had whole year level Inquiry Cycles examining student work standards, Monday afternoon whole staff professional development sessions and in school and out of school training with Anita Archer on Explicit Instruction.

Our Parents and Citizens Association has also had a successful term, supporting students and teachers in the school. At our last meeting the P&C has committed to purchasing lunchtime sporting equipment for our students (every year level) and also to purchasing every staff member a document camera (teaching technology) as a teaching tool. Wonderful support.

The Little Mermaid Jnr

Great work team.... what a production. Make sure you take your kids to see it. It is a real team effort.

Athletics Day

What a wonderful day. I was out and about all day and had the best time watching our students compete for their houses and do their best on the field. At Kirwan we run a sports day where all students compete in all events and get points for their houses. The fastest runners, highest jumpers and best throwers are identified and then compete in a Champions Day. I enjoyed the robust cheering of all houses; great job by all staff and students. Congratulations to Freeman, the winning house.

Under 8's Day

What a magnificent day! Well done everyone!

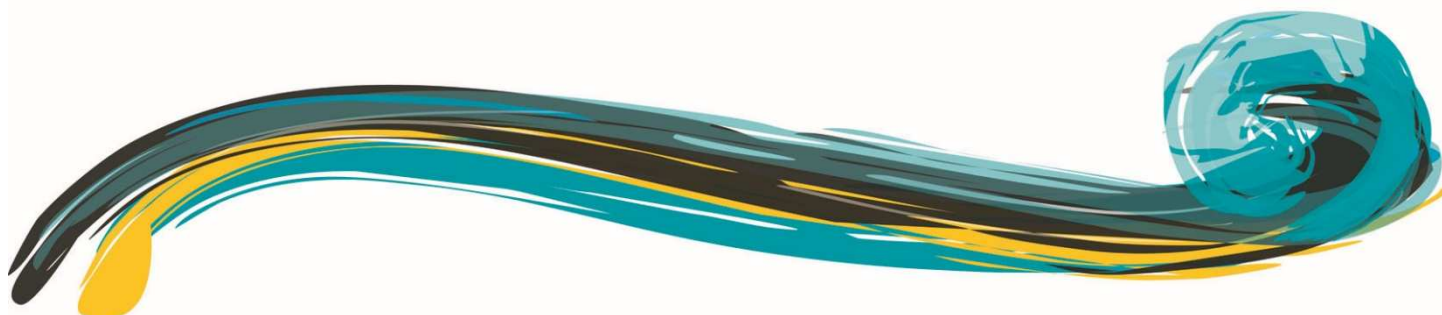
Safe Holidays

Enjoy your holidays. Return safely on July 13. I look forward to recharging the batteries in preparation for a busy Term 3.

Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann

Acting Principal



From the Deputy Principal – Tony Woodhouse

Watch Over Our School During the Holidays

With the holidays beginning at the end of next week, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88 or the Police.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Although we do not suffer a lot of vandalism, it can be very costly.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police deal with it. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer Kirwan State School community!



Attendance

A big 'well done' to everyone in regards to our attendance. So far this year, our students' attendance data stands at 93.8%, an increase of almost one percent from this time last year.

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	Declan Parry	2E	Kayden King
PrepB	Thomas Kugler	2F	Kayleigh Salt
PrepC	Christopher Eveans	3A	Davieonn John
PrepC	Kaliyah Dainer	3C	Mason Locke
PrepD	Sienna McLeish	3C	Brooke Smith
PrepD	Caleb Nieborg	4A	Cheyenne Weir
PrepE	Sorren Brown	4A	Zane Geue
1A	Jadeys Prior	4B	Lily Savage
1B	Kyan Valler	4B	Kaeleigh Boyce
1C	Ella Moore	4B	Layla Perfect
1C	Maddison Hovasapian	4D	Alice Edgerton
1D	Chelsea Meehan	5B	Nicholas Johansson
1E	Jacqueline Bell	5B	EJ Ober
1E	Braydon Griffin	5D	Owen Church
2A	Declan Cope	6B	Chloe Jacobsen-Tosh
2B	Shanay Cox	6B	Ryan Blagg
2C	Shaine Blinkhorn	6B	Mathew Weldon
2C	Jye Melvin	6C	Cadence Purkis-Arthur
2D	Max Kendall	6C	Aiden Dotta
2E	Natt Sommerville		

50 Gotchas

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 50 Gotchas!

Annaliese Blagg 1C	Lockie Cook 1C
Maddison Hovasapian 1C	Rhianna Daisy-Hart 1C
Shane Blinkhorn 2C	Emily Kenny 2C
Maddison Jones 2F	Zoe Burgess 2F
Kye Fish 2F	Jack Murdoch 6C
Danyon McDougall 6C	Tyler Boyce 6C
Lilly-May Voysey 6C	



TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT

6:30pm ~ Civic Theatre

Win a prize from Harvey Norman for Best Costume!

Congratulations

Congratulations to nine of our Kirwan students who have made the Thuringowa Softball team. Well done Olivia Little, Kaitlyn Stewart, Emma Manning, Amelia Eustace, Imogen Goldsworthy, Alyssa Sinclair, Keely Harrison, Lauren Bennie and Ashlee Partridge-Wregg who will now compete in the NQ Trials.



Kirwan Keepers

23 & 24 June School Musical "The Little Mermaid"
 25 June Bravehearts Program – Years 1, 2 & 3
 26 June Last Day of Term 2
 13 July First Day of Term 3
 17 July Champions Day
 21 July P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 3 & 4 August Hearing Health Screen for ATSI children
 14 August Interscholar Athletics (Red Track)

Defence News

- If you have a partner/spouse who is deploying or is deployed, for \$25 you can purchase a 'Perseverance on the Home Front' medallion. Please contact Gecko's Family Centre at Lavarack Barracks or you can jump onto this website: <http://www.militarykids.com.au>.
- We would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and see you all in Term 3.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan Community Adult Choir

Our Kirwan Adult Teacher/Parent Choir will start Week 2, Term 3 on Tuesdays 3-4pm. If you love to sing and can hold a tune. See you there!!!



Champions Field Events Day – Friday 17 July

The program for Champions Field Events Day (Friday 17 July) is as follows:

10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	Sprints for 7 years to 12 years		
8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats for 7 years to 12 years		8:50 – 10:15	Timed sprint heats	
10:15 – 10:50	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put		
10:50 – 11:30	1st Break				
11:30 – 12:15	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump	10:15 – 1:00	-All 7 to 9 years back to class. -All 10 to 12 years not in field events back to class.
12:15 – 1:00	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump		
1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals for 7 years to 12 years			1:00 – 1:30	Sprint Finals
1:30 →	2nd Break Back to regular classes			1:30 →	2nd Break Back to regular classes

Musical

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT!
 All families received one free adult ticket with their Kirnews recently to make it very easy to take every Kirwan student along to see this great event!

P&C Pieces

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held **Tuesday 21 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. See you there! ☺ Have a safe holiday and see you all next term!

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

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

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

Curriculum Corner

BRAVEHEARTS

On Thursday 25 June our Year 1, 2 and 3 students have the wonderful opportunity to experience the highly successful interactive and live personal safety program called 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure'. In the previous issues the mistake has been made of including the Prep year level in this event. Please note it is only Years 1, 2 and 3 that will be attending this time. My sincerest apologies to all for this mistake.

The program aims to empower students with the tools to keep safe and educate them, with a focus on resiliency and emotional literacy, while building confidence and awareness. It also teaches what to do if they feel unsafe and unsure.

The **cost** of the 35 minute performance is free, however a **gold coin donation** will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia. All **gold coin donations** can be handed in to class teachers on the day [25 June]. The Student Council will come around to classes to collect it.

Please note that this is **not a sex education program**. It is a program which teaches personal safety.

If you **do not wish** your child to attend, please **notify the class teacher** as all students will be attending as part of the school curriculum program for the day. **PARENTS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

If you would like to know more about the program or wish to support BRAVEHEARTS through memberships or purchase of merchandise, please contact BRAVEHEARTS at education@bravehearts.org.au or 1800 BRAVE 1 or www.Bravehearts.org.au.

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 in early August. This will involve group health education, including correct nose blowing, on the 3rd and hearing screening on the 4th. New parent consent forms have been distributed to students and need to be back at school by 23 June for processing by the Hearing Health team. If the form is not returned, the student cannot be screened.

Report Cards

Teachers are currently in the process of teaching and assessing in preparation for report cards. Please ensure that your children are at school each day, so that they have ample time to work on producing quality assessment that demonstrates and reflects quality teaching and learning. Report cards will be distributed in the second week of Term 3.

Kirwan Staff and Parents

It has been another full term of teaching and learning and with our fantastic musical starting tonight, I wish to take the opportunity to thank all parents involved in our school community from volunteering in the classrooms and tuckshop to supporting our teaching staff in many different ways. A huge thank you to all our teachers, support staff and wonderful cleaners for their hard work and dedication again this term. Have a well-earned holiday everyone. You deserve it!

Thanks...

Leanne Moore – Acting Head of Curriculum

Musical News

Choir

No choir rehearsal this week due to Musical!

Indigenous News

COME AND CELEBRATE NAIDOC DAY - FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015

• TOWNSVILLE NAIDOC MARCH

Venue – Assemble Cnr Hudson Street/Thuringowa Drive (near Kirwan High)
Time – Assemble 9:30am; March 10:00am

• TOWNSVILLE NAIDOC DEADLY DAY OUT

Venue – Riverway, Pioneer Parklands
Time – 11:30am-4:30pm
Cost – Free – ATSI Cultural performances, rides, etc.



Tuckshop Talk

Jun 24 Carol, Sandra, Mitchell

Jun 25 Leah, Leanne

Jun 26 Belinda, Jo

- As it is end of term we are running down stock. Items will be substituted.
- A huge thanks to: Mitchell Ohl, Sandra Sellen, Carol Wilschetski, Helen Murdoch, Leanne Blad, Toni Blad, Leah Splawinski, Jo Ohl, Nathan Murdoch, Tony Whent and Sharon Whent for all their help on Sports Day.

Swimming News for 2015

As part of our Physical Education program, Year 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to be involved in a Learn to Swim program to be run by professional swimming coaches from **Glenn Buchanan Swim School**. The children will be assessed at their first lesson and placed into groups according to their swimming ability. The program will consist of water safety, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke activities, depending on the students' ability levels. Classes will begin Term 3 Week 2 and conclude Term 3 Week 9.

There will be a cost of \$45 which will need to be paid before your child attends swimming lessons. An invoice has been sent home.

Some pics from Sports Day

