



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today we celebrate the induction of our 2015 school leaders at Kirwan State School. I would like to wish all our leaders the very best for this year and beyond and I look forward to watching the growth in their leadership potential and capability. Congratulations to:

Emily Funk and Harley Taylor-----School Captains
Savannah Jackson and Luke Bolton-----School Vice Captains
Emily Rogers and Tylor Winnett -----Border House Captains
Lauren Bennie and Jahmai Mabo -----Freeman House Captains
Sammie Cheadle and Hayden Reid -----Perkins House Captains
Emma Manning and Jack Murdoch -----Wilson House Captains
Jazmin Corbet and Callum McConkey----- Music Captains

Parent Writing Inquiry

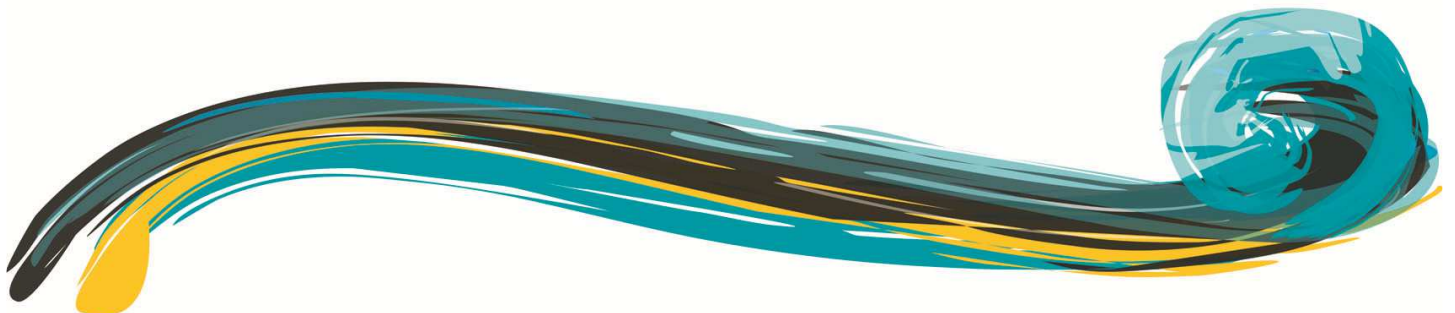
I have received a great amount of feedback from the Parent Writing Inquiry Meetings from last week (and I look forward to many more this week also).

Parents to date have been amazed at the standard and the quality of work which our students CAN produce and also the depth of knowledge and understanding required to produce an 'A' level piece of work. I truly hope that those parents who were able to take away this valuable information are now in a position to support their child to produce a better standard piece of writing. Well done Mums and Dads....together we can make a difference.

Year 6 Parent Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the meeting last Thursday in the staffroom. We have selected a senior shirt and we will soon have samples for sizing available. I will let you know when this will be. Thank you to Mrs Rogers who is currently seeking quotes from various venues for the Graduation Ceremony. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 March at 2:00pm in the staffroom once again. All Year 6 parents are very welcome to attend.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

ENCOURAGING OUR CHILDREN

It is important that we encourage our students to be successful. The messages that we send them do stay in their minds and influence the way they think about themselves and how they behave. If we let children know often enough that they are inept or inadequate they will believe it, as we are significant reference points. Through the use of constant encouragement at home, parents and carers can promote self-confidence in their children as learners and as people.

Some Ideas

- Give children realistic responsibility. Through our actions we are giving them the message, 'I know that you can do this'.
- Point out children's strengths and achievements. When correcting a child or pointing out an error, try focusing on a strength first. 'I like the way that you write your letters. Now let's concentrate on spacing your words out a little more.'
- Recognise improvement they have made or the effort they are putting in at school or at home. 'Your reading has really come along...' You can't always praise their performance but you can usually make positive comments about their improvement, effort or attitude.
- Express your confidence and faith in their abilities. 'I know you can do it.'
- Promote positive self-talk. When children do something, ask them how they feel about their efforts. 'That's a terrific drawing, Sarah. What do you think about it?' Encourage them to make positive comments about themselves and discourage them from putting themselves down.
- If you need a reminder to encourage your child – consciously develop the habit of offering a positive remark when they leave for school in the morning and when you say goodnight.

ROAD CROSSING



As you are well aware, the roads around our school are extremely busy. Some students are crossing roads in places that put themselves in danger of being hurt by vehicles. If you could remind your child to cross the road at either the designated crossing points, or if there are no supervised crossing points, to wait on the kerb, before crossing. We have had reports of some students stepping out between cars; and students on bikes, waiting in the green cycle lanes to cross.

We thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.

LED SIGN

We have had some excellent feedback about our new sign. Having this sign means we can send up-to-date information to the sign almost instantly. Take the time to have a look at the important messages and information it displays. (The information sometimes changes from the morning to the afternoon.)



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	Jade Rafferty	2E	Natt Sommerville
PrepB	Jemma Krawczyk	2F	Bianca Atfield
PrepC	Tahi De Ruiter	3A	Chloe Mackay
PrepD	Samantha Dei Rossi	3B	Kyran Binnie-Robson
PrepE	Liam Wescombe	3B	Lily Clayton
1B	Stephanie Smalley	3C	Matthew Graham
1C	Maddison Hovasapian	3C	Makadie Blagg
1D	Taehya Chong	3D	Ammon Phineasa
1E	Jade Ober	3E	Ella-Paige Rizos
2A	Brady Manning	3F/4E	CJ Milton
2B	Ayden King	3F/4E	Adelaide Steele
2C	Jayla Mow	5B	Reanna Winter
2C	Emily Kenny	5C	Jewel Eberle
2D	Seth Ridden	5D	Piper Jones

Update of Confidential Student Information



In an endeavour to keep students' contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards will be sent home with your children in the very near future in an envelope personally addressed to you as carer of your child, and marked 'private and confidential'. We

would appreciate your help in checking the information thoroughly and updating any details that are incorrect, including parent address and phone details, emergency contact information, legal and/or custody details and medical information. Once complete, please return your child's form in the 'private and confidential' envelope to the school office for attention. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our school office staff if you have any questions or concerns at all.

Parent Inquiry Cycle Times

Prep A	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Prep B	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Prep C	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Prep D	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Prep E	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm & 6:00pm
Year 1A	Wednesday 18 Feb 3:15pm-3:45pm
Year 1B	Wednesday 18 Feb 3:15pm-3:45pm
Year 1C	Wednesday 18 Feb 3:15pm-3:45pm
Year 1D	Wednesday 18 Feb 3:15pm-3:45pm
Year 1E	Tuesday 24 Feb 3:00pm (postponed from today)
Year 2A	Thursday 26 Feb 4:00pm-4:30pm
Year 2B	Thursday 26 Feb 4:00pm-4:30pm
Year 2C	Tuesday 24 Feb 3:15pm
Year 2D	Tuesday 24 Feb 3:15pm
Year 2E	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm
Year 2F	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:15pm
Year 3A	Monday 23 Feb 4:00pm-5:00pm
Year 3B	Monday 23 Feb 4:00pm
Year 3C	Tuesday 24 Feb 3:15pm
Year 3D	Thursday 19 Feb 3:30pm-4:30pm
Year 3E	Thursday 19 Feb 3:30pm-4:30pm
Year 3F/4E	Tuesday 17 Feb 3:30pm (today)
Year 4A	Thursday 19 Feb 4:30pm
Year 4B	Thursday 19 Feb 4:30pm
Year 4C	Tuesday 17 Feb 4:30pm (today)
Year 4D	Tuesday 17 Feb 4:30pm (today)
Year 5A	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:30pm
Year 5B	Tuesday 24 Feb 3:30pm
Year 5C	Wednesday 25 Feb 3:30pm
Year 5D	Thursday 26 Feb 3:30pm
Year 6A	Thursday 19 Feb 3:00pm
Year 6B	Thursday 19 Feb 3:00pm
Year 6C	Thursday 19 Feb 3:00pm
Year 6D	Thursday 19 Feb 3:00pm

Student Resource Scheme - \$40 per student

The Student Resource Scheme is operating at Kirwan this year. There is a blue form (one per family) that will need to be completed and returned to the school with your payment. There is a section on the back of the form for card details. Please make sure all sections are filled in correctly as you will be receiving invoices for the amount owing.

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by the end of Term 1.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Karen Finnigan. Extra forms are available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

Medication at School

IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS MEDICATION HERE AT SCHOOL (eg. ventolin puffer) AND YOU HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A NEW MEDICATION FORM FOR 2015, PLEASE CALL INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO DO SO. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

P&C Pieces

- The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom followed by the general meeting. All new members welcome.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Our P&C Has An Important Job To Do and We Would Love You To Be A Part Of It

P&Cs are an essential part of the school.

P&C volunteers are dedicated parents and community members who want to contribute to the management and improvement of their school.

The Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is managed by an executive committee who, with other P&C members, work closely with the school principal for the benefit of the students at the school.

What do P&Cs do?

- Consult on school policy decisions
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Manage tuckshops and uniform shops
- Assist with school functions
- Manage outside school hours care
- Plan events and fundraising activities
- Apply for grants

P&C membership is free and you can choose whether to attend the regular meetings. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, being a P&C member is a great way to learn what's happening at the school and to have your say.

Children do better when parents are involved.

We all want the best for our children, and recent research has shown that students whose parents are actively engaged in their education do better and are happier at school. You can show your children how much you value their education by being involved in the P&C.


Your skills and hobbies could be put to great use and volunteering even a small amount of your time will benefit your own children and other children in the school community. You could also gain work experience and develop new skills.

Attending P&C functions provides an opportunity to network with the principal, teachers and other parents so that you can discuss the issues that concern you and share your ideas and experiences.

P&C members suggest and implement positive changes at the school – and the funds we raise have a lasting impact through building improvements and providing classroom "extras".

Kirwan Keepers

05 March	Year 6 Parent Meeting – 2:00pm in the Staffroom
10 March	Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
12 March	Interhouse Novelty Carnival
17 March	P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
02 April	Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
02 April	02 April
20 April Last Day of Term 1
27/28 April First Day of Term 2
23 & 24 June School Photos
 School Musical "The Little Mermaid"

**MARK THIS DATE**

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 10 March starting at 2:00pm in the defence room.
- Every Friday at Geckos there is a Cam Kids Play Group from 9:30am. The cost is \$1 per family. For more information about this event please contact Geckos on 4411 7031.
- On Monday 9 March starting at 9:30am Geckos will be hosting an International Women's Day Morning Tea. Please contact Geckos on 4411 7031 for more information.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



Musical rehearsals - Tuesday afternoons in the Multi-Purpose Hall/Shed area/CPA3.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents of students attending musical rehearsals after school will need to pick up their children personally or send a note, detailing how their child/ren will be going home, to the teacher who supervises the rehearsals.
- Prep, Year 1 and 2 – 3:00 - 4:00pm (students with siblings required to stay until 4:30pm will be supervised by a staff member);
- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 3:00 - 4:30pm.

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

3D/3E News

Thank you to those parents who attended our Year 3D/3E Parent Inquiry meeting. Some of you requested a list of texts so that you could work with your children at home. This list is of the main texts that we use for assessment tasks.

Matty Forever – Elizabeth Fensham
Stolen Girl – Saffioti, Trina and MacDonald, Norma
The Shack that Dad Built – Russell, Elaine
The Peasant Prince – Cunxin, Li
Charlotte's Web – E.B. White
Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl
The Lorax – Dr Seuss
Kumiko and the Dragon – Briony Stewart
The ABC Book of Australian Poetry – Libby Hathorn

Thanks... *Helen O'Brien and Amy Peace – 3D/3E Teachers*

HPE News

Attention Girls aged 8-12

The T20 Blast Cricket Program is being offered for free on our oval on Wednesdays and has 19 places still available. It usually costs \$99 a person, however Qld Cricket has a grant to have 32 girls get the whole program and package for free.

Where: Kirwan State School Oval

When: Every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:30pm. (6 weeks left of the program – suitable for ages 8-12 years).

Cost: Free for the first 32 girls – includes Brisbane Heat bag, cap and giveaways.

Contact: Simon Edge – Qld Cricket 0409.520.051

Register: simonee@gldcricket.com.au

<http://www.t20blast.com.au>

See Mrs Talbot for a flyer.

Reminder to the School Swimming Team

School swimming team has training on Tuesday mornings - 7:15am at the Kirwan High Pool.

Yours in sport...

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

Feb 25 Carol, Sandra
Feb 26 Leanne, Emma (½ day)
Feb 27 Jo, Belinda
Mar 02 Mad Murdock Monday, Leanne
Mar 03 Fiona

▪ New Icecreams – Fandangles \$2, Lemonade & Raspberry Icy Poles \$1.

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.

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

