24 March 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

From the Principal’s Desk

P&C AGM
My sincere congratulations to the following P&C members who have been successful in securing a role on the executive team for the 2015 school year:

Ken Ellis  President
Tony Whent  Treasurer
Katrina Jeffery  Secretary
Tammie Jones  Vice President

Knowing the calibre of these school community representatives, I am certainly looking forward to a successful and positive school year. Thank you for putting your hand up to make a difference and to support your child’s school!

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

By now most of the school community would be aware that there was a concerning incident involving an unknown male in a white car and a 10 year old girl from this school last Friday morning before school.

This week, we will be discussing “stranger danger” strategies at both senior and junior parades including being aware of surroundings, trusting instincts which tell you there might be danger and safe places to go if you feel threatened.

I am acutely aware that some 850 children travel to and from Kirwan State School each and every day safely and without incident. It is disturbing, to say the least, that there are people in our community who may wish to harm children.

I ask that all members of the school community take extra care to keep their own children safe, be extra vigilant for unusual behaviour around our school and also be prepared to assist other children if need be. Our school community is a large and formidable one. Active and responsible parenting will always go a long way towards ensuring that every child arrives at school unafraid and unmolested.

Until next week … kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

PARENT/CAREER PARTNERSHIPS

Developing strong partnerships between students, teachers and parents/carers is vital in making sure we get the best out of each and every student. I encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher during the scheduled parent/teacher meetings in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2. Ask questions about your child’s learning, see evidence of strengths and weaknesses and work with your child’s teacher to develop strategies you can use at home to strengthen your child’s learning and progress. Remember that students need to see the importance that you place on their education. Our online booking system will open on Friday this week (27 March). Please note that Prep, 1E and 3F/4E have alternative arrangements in place.

To book a session with your child/ren’s teacher please use the following steps:

2. Enter the code CT77V.
3. Enter your name and email address.
4. Select suitable times for your interview/s.
5. Check your inbox (or junk mail) for your confirmation email.
6. Bookings close on Thursday 23 April.

If for any reason you are unable to make your appointment, please phone the school on 4799 1888, so that we can let your child’s teacher know.

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 the class recently.

PrepA: Kendra Tulk 3A: Rawiri Roberts
PrepB: Carey Martin 3C: Riley Piigott
PrepC: Emelia Bates 3C: Glenn Wescome
PrepD: Lili-Jan Cantoni 3E: Peta-Jane Bogdanek
PrepE: Breeana Cairns 3F/4E: Hailey Donald
1A: Marley Andlow 4A: Elise Smith
1B: Jye O’Shea 4A: Cody Oliver
1C: Kyba Mabo 4B: Kiana Phinessa
1D: Kiarah Davis 4B: Jayde McGlynn
1E: Indi Brayshaw 4B: Jesh Holderness
2A: Jirair Splawinski 4C: Kadi Leyseley
2A: Messiah Julian-Iva 5A: Olivia Wood
2B: Golden Green 5B: Zara Walker
2C: Charlene Lane-Russo 5C: Jorell Gillin-Smith
2E: Kayden King 5D: Jett Newman
2E: Daniel Craigie 6C: Pierre Jouan
2F: Maddison Jones 6C: Emma Brinkley

Student Leaders for 2015

School Captains: Emily Funk, Harley Taylor
School Vice Captains: Savannah Jackson, Luke Bolton

House Captains

★ Border: Emily Rogers, Tylor Winnett
★ Freeman: Lauren Bennie, Jahmai Mabo
★ Perkins: Sammi Cheadle, Hayden Reid
★ Wilson: Emma Manning, Jack Murdoch

Music Captains: Jazmin Corbet, Callum McConkey

Student Councillors

★4A: Harley Pool, Jayella Cohen
★4B: Layla Perfect, Ella McCarthy
★4C: Amity Burrow, Rebecca Ellis
★4D: Brooklyn Lindsay, Bree McCallion
★4E: Kiera Ryan
★4F: Jessica Sinclair, Thomas Hounslow
★5B: Peta Stacey, Reanna Winter
★5B: Bradein Driscoll
★5C: Ella Shepherd, Chloe Nielsen
★5D: Tannah Marshall, Quinn McLauren
★6A: Jade Dalby, Caleb McGregor
★6B: Imogen Goldsworthy, Madison Mitchell
★6C: Ashley Partridge-Wregg, Matairea Sepon
★6D: Gabby Spiteri, Isaac Geue

School Helpmates

Zach Omar, Nate Kimber, Shelby Sellers, Roi Aaron, Bridie Marshall, Jasmin Kennedy, Joanie Garbutt, Bellie Stanek.

School Photos – 27/28 April

Today we are sending home the class photo envelopes with Kirwan. Please read below about how to order photos.

School Photos Are Now Available For Secure Online Purchase

4 Easy Steps to Online School Photos Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code 3SW B6D T7P
Step 2: Enter your student’s details.
Step 3: (Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page.)

Please note: UHS will use waxed paper to store/label Individual Photo envelopes. Online photo orders close 2 working days before this first school photo day; however, they may be purchased with an envelope up until photo day.

Other payment methods are as follows.

★ Cash – Please enclose the correct money as no change is available. Envelopes are handed to the photographers directly.
★ Cheques/Money Orders – Make payable to Advancedlife. Complete bank name and cheque number on the order envelope. Write your name and address on the back of the cheque.
★ Sibling Photograph order envelopes are available from the front office. Sibling photographs are only for children enrolled at the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Karen Finningan – Business Services Manager

2015 Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 2016

**Term Dates** | **Vacation Dates**
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Term 1 | 27 Jan – 20 April
Term 2 | 20 April – 26 June
Term 3 | 13 July – 18 Sept
Term 4 | 06 Oct – 11 Dec

2016 Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 2016

**Term Dates** | **Vacation Dates**
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Term 1 | 25 Jan – 24 Mar
Term 2 | 24 Mar – 24 June
Term 3 | 24 June – 11 Sept
Term 4 | 04 Oct – 09 Dec

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by Thursday 02 April 2015.

Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 2016

**Student Council**

★4A: Harley Pool, Jayella Cohen
★4B: Layla Perfect, Ella McCarthy
★4C: Amity Burrow, Rebecca Ellis
★4D: Brooklyn Lindsay, Bree McCallion
★4E: Kiera Ryan
★4F: Jessica Sinclair, Thomas Hounslow
★5B: Peta Stacey, Reanna Winter
★5B: Bradein Driscoll
★5C: Ella Shepherd, Chloe Nielsen
★5D: Tannah Marshall, Quinn McLauren
★6A: Jade Dalby, Caleb McGregor
★6B: Imogen Goldsworthy, Madison Mitchell
★6C: Ashley Partridge-Wregg, Matairea Sepon
★6D: Gabby Spiteri, Isaac Geue

School Helpmates

Zach Omar, Nate Kimber, Shelby Sellers, Roi Aaron, Bridie Marshall, Jasmin Kennedy, Joanie Garbutt, Bellie Stanek.
**Student Resource Scheme - $40 per student**

*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*

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**Tuckshop Talk**

Mar 25 Carol, Sandra, Michelle  
Mar 26 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)  
Mar 27 Jo, Belinda  
Mar 30 Helen, Leanne  
Mar 31 Fiona

- There are no slushies!  
- We do not accept foreign coins or 2c coins.  
- Please be mindful that tuckshop is unable to change notes of any denomination.

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**Pizza at the Disco – Yum, Yum, Yum!**

The P&C will be selling slices of pizza for $2 this Thursday at the disco - 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Flavours include Hawaiian, Meat Lovers and Pepperoni.

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**Update of Confidential Student Information**

In an endeavour to keep students’ contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards have recently been sent home with your children 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.

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**Religious Instruction**

Our policy for the delivery of Religious Instruction has changed slightly this year.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction, please complete and return the slip below via the BSM’s payment slot.

*If we do not receive correspondence from you opting out of Religious Instruction then we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in the lessons. There is no charge for your child/ren’s inclusion in Religious Instruction. Parents are welcome to withdraw their child/ren from Religious Instruction at any time by emailing the school on admin@kirwans.eq.edu.au.*

Children who do not participate in Religious Instruction are supervised to complete school work by a teacher in a separate area of the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**Religious Instruction Non-Participation Advice**

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I do not wish for my child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: ____________________________  
Date: ____________________________

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**Musical – “The Little Mermaid”**

**The Little Mermaid Jr Rehearsal Schedule for Term 1 Week 7, 8, 9, 10**

- **Monday 1st Break** – Ariel, Flounder, Scuttle, Sebastian  
- **Monday 2nd Break** – Scene 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
- **Tuesday 1st Break** – Ariel, Flounder, Scuttle, Sebastian, Mersisters  
- **Tuesday 2nd Break** – Scene 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
- **Wednesday 1st Break** – Chef Louis, Flounder, Scuttle  
- **Wednesday 2nd Break** – Scene 11, 12, 13  
- **Thursday 1st Break** – Sebastian  
- **Thursday 2nd Break** – Scene 14, 15, 16  
- **Friday 1st Break** – Prince, Pilot  
- **Friday 2nd Break** – Scene 17, 18, 19, 20

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**Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm**

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**Student Council Disco – Thursday 26 March**

Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 – 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Discos for 2015 will be held once every semester, not every term.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR FOR BOTH DISCOS.**

$5 tickets went on sale for the disco last week and are available from Mrs Taylor’s room – H Block. Prep children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. **ALL children attending MUST be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall.** (Please note the new disco times.) No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.

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**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.

**SCHOOL JUMPERS** – We are once again taking orders for our school jumpers. Forms will be distributed this week. All order forms and payments are to be returned to the new cash window by Friday 24 April in an envelope marked “School Jumpers P&C”. Cash or cheque payments only will be accepted. Please note our order can only be placed once a minimum of 150 orders has been received. Cost is $40.

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

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**Easter Services**

Our Easter Services will be held for all students on Tuesday 31 March, here at the school in the multi-purpose hall. Parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to attend.

- Prep, Years 1 & 2………………11:45am – 12:15pm  
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6………………12:30pm – 1:00pm