



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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.

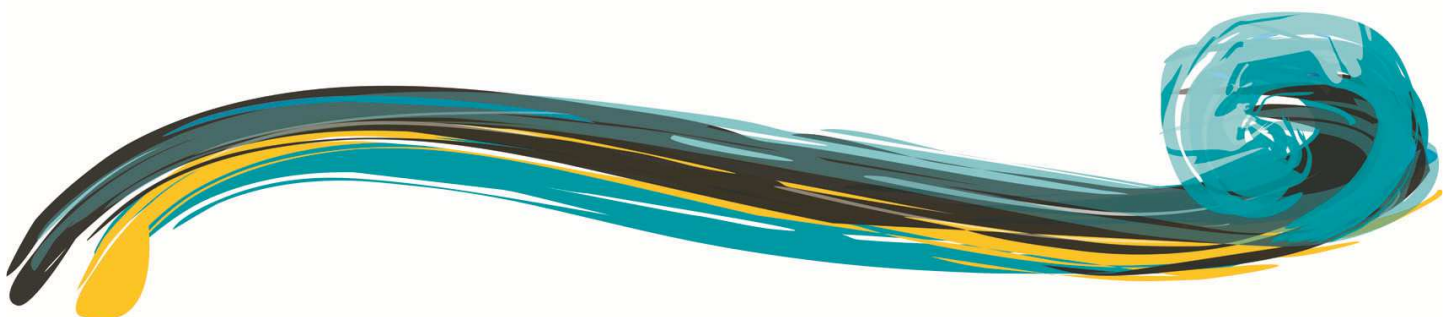
I am acutely aware that some 850 children travel to and from Kirwan State School each and every day safely and without incident. It is disturbing, to say the least, that there are people in our community who may wish to harm children.

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/CARER PARTNERSHIPS

Developing strong partnerships between students, teachers and parent/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:



1. Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ (bookings open Friday 27 March).
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 their class recently.

PrepA	Kendra Tulk	3A	Rawiri Roberts
PrepB	Carey Martin	3C	Riley Piggott
PrepC	Emelia Bates	3C	Glenn Wescombe
PrepD	Lili-Jane Cantoni	3E	Peta-Jane Bogdanek
PrepE	Breeana Cains	3F/4E	Hailey Donald
1A	Marley Andlaw	4A	Elise Smith
1B	Jye O'Shea	4A	Cody Oliver
1C	Kyba Mabo	4B	Kiana Phineasa
1D	Kiarah Davis	4B	Jayde McGlynn
1E	Indi Brayshaw	4B	Jesi Holderness
2A	Jirair Splawinski	4C	Kodi Leysley
2A	Messiah Julian-Iva	5A	Olivia Wood
2B	Caiden Green	5B	Kayla Walker
2D	Charlize Lane-Russo	5C	Jarell 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 FunkHarley 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

★4AHarley Pool Jayella Cohen
 ★4BLayla Perfect Ella McCarthy
 ★4CAmity Burow..... Rebecca Ellis
 ★4DBrooklyn LindsayBree McCallion
 ★4E.....Kiera Ryan
 ★5AJessica Sinclair Thomas Hounslow
 ★5BPaige StanekReanna Winter
 ★5BBraiden Driscoll
 ★5CElla Shepherd..... Chloe Nielsen
 ★5DTahnee Marshall Quinn McLaren
 ★6AJade Daly..... Caleb McGregor
 ★6BImogen GoldsworthyMaddison Mitchell
 ★6CAshlee Partridge-WreggMataika Sepon
 ★6DGabby Spiteri Isaac Geue

School Helpmates

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

School Photos – 27/28 April

Today we are sending home the class photo envelopes with Kirnews. 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 **33W 81D T2P**
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: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed. Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased with an envelope up until photo day

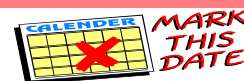
Other payment methods are as follows.

- 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 Finnigan – Business Services Manager

Kirwan Keepers



26 March	Student Council Discos – Note new times for this year
26 March	Pizza @ the Disco – 4:30pm – 5:30pm
31 March	Easter Services – Multipurpose Hall
02 April	Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
02 April	Last Day of Term 1
20 April	First Day of Term 2
21 April	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
24 April	Fun Run
27/28 April	School Photos
17 June	Athletics Day
23 & 24 June	School Musical "The Little Mermaid"
26 June	Last Day of Term 2
13 July	First Day of Term 3
17 July	Champions Day
14 August	Interschool Athletics (Red Track)

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

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

Alert about a head lice outbreak.

Head lice are back!

The school needs your quick action.
Can you please ...

- read the note sent home, and
- return the tear-off slip on the next school day.

If you have any doubts, need help or would like further information please contact the school.
If we don't hear from you we may approach you to offer support.

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

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.

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.



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.

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@kirwanss.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.

Religious Instruction Non-Participation Advice



Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



The Little Mermaid Jnr 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

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

P&C Pieces

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 April in the Staffroom. All new members are welcome.

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

HPE News

Please mark the following in your diary.

- Fun Run – Term 2 Week 1 – Friday 24 April.
Years 3-6 in the morning session and Years Prep-2 in the middle session.
- Athletics Day – Term 2 Week 9 – Wednesday 17 June.
- Champions Day – Term 3 Week 1 – Friday 17 July.
- Red Track (Interschool Athletics) – Term 3 Week 5 – Friday 14 August.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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.



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.

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