25 March 2014
From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

P&C NEWS
My sincere congratulations to the P&C executive elect for 2014. It is a measure of the calibre of the people involved in the P&C that 3 of the 4 executive have stepped up for a second year. The executive members are:

• Mr Ken Ellis – President
• Mrs Laurelle Jones – Secretary
• Mrs Rayleen Currey – Treasurer; and welcome to
• Mrs Tammie Jones – Vice President

I wish to thank these wonderful people for their commitment to the students of Kirwan State School and I look forward to working closely with you in many successful ventures throughout the year.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Bookings with our new online system appear to have been well received with solid bookings in all classes. Interviews are being conducted this week and next week both before and after school. I ask that parents please respect the 15 minute time allotment for interviews so that all families get their share of the classroom teacher’s time. This is the best opportunity you have to check your child’s work against the standard expected for the year and find out how you can best support your child to do even better. On Senior Assembly this week, I reiterated to all children that one of the most important things their teacher should be able to say about them is that they are working as hard as they can. This is often a good starting point for discussion with your child also.

SWIMMING SUCCESS
Congratulations to the Kirwan State School Swimming Team for 2014 who emerged with a first place in the Interschool Swimming Carnival last week. All members of the team acquitted themselves very well with some outstanding individual and team results. Of the 6 relay teams who competed, 5 achieved a first or second place!! I must make special mention of Annie Hiller (Year 6) who has been welcomed into the North Queensland Swimming Team on the back of her outstanding performance on the day. Well done Annie!!

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

READING
It is great to see even more students enjoying the love of reading. Reading is far more than the correct formation of the various sounds, or the perfect pronunciation of words; it is about comprehension. The questioning process which follows the reading determines the level of understanding and hence the child’s reading ability.

Ensure your child is reading a wide range of genres, everything from novels to cereal boxes. In this way your child will develop a breadth of understanding and the knowledge of the various generic structures. After you have read a book with your child (or they have read independently) ask some questions about what they have read.

Ask them to describe the main character or see if they can tell you about events that happened in the story. See if they could tell you another way the story could have ended, if there was a moral of the story or see if they can tell you what was interesting about the book.

Above all, enjoy reading with your child!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to those parents who have booked an appointment with their child’s class teacher/s. Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews have now closed.

Fifteen minute Parent-Teacher Interview sessions will run at various times during this period in the morning and/or afternoon. If you are unable to make the appointment time you requested, please phone the school so that we can let the class teacher know.

LATE FOR SCHOOL
We have a small number of students who are often late for school. Being late for school has a significant impact on the learning of not only the student who is late, but also other students. Our teachers commence their daily lessons when school starts and those students who are late usually miss out on core learning.

Students arriving to school on time have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials and focusing their minds on the lessons to come. Students showing up late to class in the middle of a lesson often miss out on this natural transition period and may lose even more of the lesson as they scurry to settle into an academic focus and catch up with the lesson that has commenced. This ultimately can contribute to lower achievement scores.

Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have long-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour.

Remember That Every Day Counts
For more information about coming to school every day visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/ or search for every day counts

Have a great week!

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

Defence News

- ANZAC Day is fast approaching and YES, we are marching again this year. The march will be on ANZAC Day, Friday 25 April. Full school uniform including hat, will be required. A letter will be sent home in Term 2 Week 1 containing all information.

- Geckos Family Centre at Lavarack Barracks will be holding a number of activities over the Easter holidays including Defence Kids painting classes, movies and much more. Please contact Geckos on 4411.7031 for more info.

- Easter Egg Hunt is on at Geckos on 16 April 2014 from 1700 hours. Cost will be $7.50 per child; sausage sizzle and soft drinks available for purchase and free Easter craft activity. Please RSVP to 4411.1741 no later than 11 April 2014.

- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently:

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Congratulations

- Congratulations to Holly Doran who competed at the Qld Athletics State Championships in Cairns on the weekend. Holly competed against competitors from 69 different clubs through Qld and won a gold medal in the 200m sprint. Well done Holly!

- Well done Madison Noseda who has been selected in the Thuringowa District Basketball Team to compete in the North Queensland Primary School Trials. Congratulations Madison!

- Well done Dustin Buchanan who has been selected in the Thuringowa District Basketball Team to compete in the North Queensland Primary School Trials. Congratulations Dustin!

Money Collection Window
Please use the money envelope box through the BSM’s window to put all monies and forms. If paying by card, you will need to pay at the front office.

Tuckshop Subway Day – Friday 28 March
Tuckshop is having a Subway Day on Friday 28 March at 1st Break.

6” Salad Sub..............$5.00
6” Ham Sub..............$5.50
6” Turkey & Ham Sub........$6.00
6” Roast Beef Sub........$6.00
6” Chicken Sub............$6.50

All subs come with cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion & carrot. All subs must be pre-paid and orders need to be placed with the tuckshop by TOMORROW Wednesday 26 March. Late orders will not be accepted.

Easter Services

Our Easter Services will be held for all students on Friday 04 April, here at the school in the multi-purpose hall. Parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to attend.

- Prep, Years 1 & 2 ..........11:30am – 12:00noon
- Years 3 & 4 ..............12:10pm – 12:40pm
- Years 5, 6 & 7 ............12:50pm – 1:20pm

Fete – 24 October 2014

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.

This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
Year 6/7 Parent Committee

There will be a meeting next Thursday 03 April at 2:00pm in the staffroom to finalise the Mother’s Day stall and discuss the venue for the end of year dinner dance. See you all there!

P&C Pieces

• The next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
• Reversible School Hats are now available from the uniform shop in F Block on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45am. They are $12 each and are in the four house colours. Stock is limited.
• Thank you - The P&C would like to thank Tania Saunders for donating coat hangers for the uniform shop.


Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete – 24 October 2014

• Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1/4/14 at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
• Ask your child what stall their class will be running at the fete and check with their teacher how you can help out.
• We will be looking for donations of items for the fete including plants and second-hand books so if you are having a clean out please consider donating any items to the school. Drop-off times will be advised at a later date.
• The Fete Committee is looking for donations of prizes for the Dodgers Stall. Do you own a business that may be able to help or know a business that may donate? If so, please email fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au with the details.

Craft Group

What are you doing after school drop off next Tuesday? Do you want to meet some new people and enjoy a cuppa? Come along and join in the fun of Craft Group!

Where: Janet’s house - 79 Burnda Street, Kirwan
When: Every Tuesday from 9:00am
This month, the craft group are looking for any scrap material, beads, ribbon, etc. If you have any of these items, we would welcome any donations. For further information about donations or the craft group in general, please contact Rosemary on 0409.123.649.

Indigenous News

• During first break this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Indigenous room, we will be doing some Indigenous hand paintings. These hand paintings will be used as a part of our ANZAC service which will incorporate this year’s NAIDOC theme - Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond.
• Have you booked in for your parent/teacher meeting yet? There’s no shame in sitting down with your child’s teacher and talking about how your child is doing. If you haven’t already done so, contact the school/teacher to organise a time that suits.

Strong, Smart and Deadly………Every day counts at Kirwan.

Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer

Fun Run Fundraiser

The Kirwan State School P.E. Department along with the P&C Committee will be conducting the School Fun Run this Friday 28 March. Students can collect sponsorship and donations for their efforts in this event from now until Friday 02 May which is when all money is due back at the school. All money raised can be left in the P&C Box in the foyer of the office. The P&C are offering incentives for your fundraising efforts as well as an additional $100 gift card to the Junior School highest fundraiser, the Senior School highest fundraiser and the highest fundraiser family. Good luck everyone!

Fun Run Times

Morning Session – Years 4-7
9:20am races begin in the following order:
• 9 Year boys
• 9 Year girls
• 10 Year boys
• 10 Year girls
• 11 Year boys
• 11 Year girls
• 12/13 Year boys
• 12/13 Year girls

Middle Session – Prep-Year 3
11:50am races begin in the following order:
• Prep boys
• Prep girls
• Year 1 boys
• Year 1 girls
• Year 2 boys
• Year 2 girls
• Year 3 boys
• Year 3 girls

PLEASE NOTE!
The back gate will be closed at the usual time of 3:45pm during the parent-teacher interview period. If you have a parent-teacher interview after 3:45pm or if your interview will finish after this time, you will need to use the front gate.

School Photos

Tuesday 1 April & Wednesday 2 April 2014
Money envelopes have been distributed. Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day. Sibling photo envelopes are also available for students from the school office.

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Tuckshop Talk

Mar 26 \ Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)  
Mar 27 \ Leanne, Leah  
Mar 28 \ Belinda, Jo  
Mar 31 \ Helen  
Apr 01 \ Jenni, Fiona

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* There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.