



# KIRNEWS

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## From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### **INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Those of you who have been a part of the Kirwan Community for the last couple of years may remember that I raised the question of Independent Public Schooling (IPS) for Kirwan State School as part of the Quadrennial School Review process last year.

While our consultation last year was a starting point, with the new round of IPS school applications not far around the corner, I would like to raise this question once again with the school community.

Included in this newsletter is a Frequently Asked Questions brochure regarding Independent Public Schools in Queensland. I urge all families to read this brochure in the next week and discuss the merits (or otherwise) of Kirwan State School seeking to become an Independent Public School.

In the next week, I will include an online survey and a written survey asking families for their response to this question.

A few quick facts:

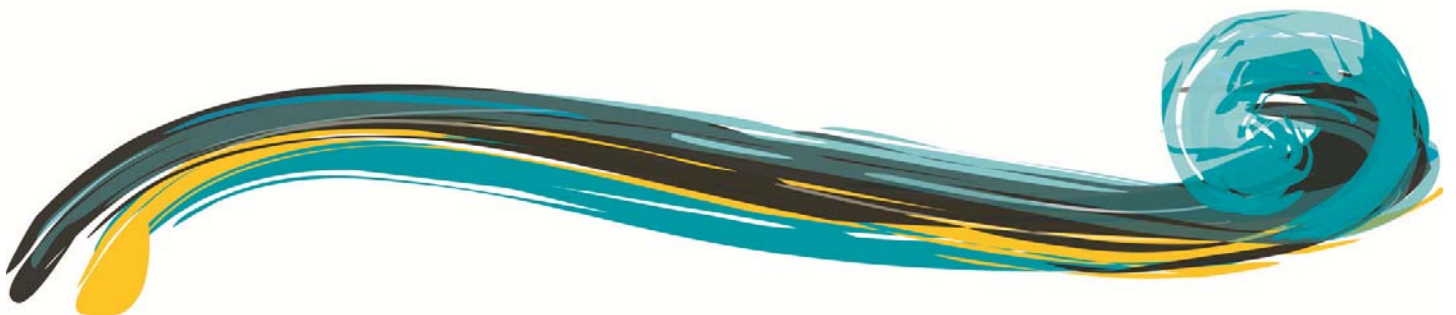
- Townsville currently has 3 Independent Public Schools – Kirwan State High School, Pimlico State High School, Hermit Park State School;
- Becoming an Independent Public School would mean the formation of a "School Council" (a separate body to the P&C) whose focus would be strategic direction of the school;
- Kirwan State School would continue to operate in a very similar manner to the way it does now. Indeed, some people might find it hard to see the difference. We already champion innovation and autonomous decisions.

I will be discussing this at the next P&C meeting. Please come along to that meeting if you would like to have some personal input.

Until next week ... Kind regards

**Melissa Jackson**

Principal



## From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL - PLAY EQUIPMENT

Parents and carers, please be aware that school play equipment/playgrounds should not be accessed by students before or after school. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

### BULLYING

Education Queensland, in collaboration with school authorities from the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and Catholic and Independent sectors, has developed a national website entitled "Bullying. No Way!" to assist Australian school communities create learning environments where every student and community member is safe, supported, respected, valued - and free from bullying, violence, harassment and discrimination.

Based on the understanding that bullying is a shared issue with shared solutions, the website enables school communities, individual students, carers and staff to exchange ideas and useful strategies to achieve this objective.



The "Bullying. No Way!" website is accessed through three portals - one each for students, parents (and teachers):

- *The Student Portal* contains two spaces with content for students 13 years and younger, and for students 14 years and older. Each space contains facts, information about what students can do, advice for students to consider and where students may go to seek assistance or further information.
- *The Parent Portal* provides information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools. The information includes facts and tips about what to do and who to talk to.

### CYBER SAFETY

The internet, mobile phones and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. They also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur - causing pain and suffering to the targets of such behaviour.

It is important to be aware of what your child is seeing or doing when online. For more information visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/behaviour/qaav/info-parents.html>.

This site has some great information about how you can keep your child safe online and what to do when your child is cyber bullied.

Another great site with some very useful information, videos and games and quizzes, all designed for students of different ages, is the Cyber [Smart:] website.

Please visit <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/default.aspx>.

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	Steven Griffiths	3C	Baylee Love
PrepB	Sacha Fish	3D	Isra Tschirpig
PrepC	Aston Tschirpig	3E	Jai Clark
PrepC	Kaiya Voysey	3E	Shaolyn Julian-Iva
PrepD	Zane Dempsey	4A	Ella Shepherd
PrepE	Kayla Wilson	4A	Tyler Andersen
PrepF/1F	Nathaniel Rodway	4B	Jack Humphreys
1A	Morgan Cupo	4C	Saida Treacy
1B	Ava Sihavong	4D	Piper Jones
1C	Samantha Channell	5B	Isaac Geue
1D	Shanay Cox	5C	Jazmin Corbet
1E	Dyllion Bowman	5D	Christian Hensman
2B	Beau Reynolds	6A	Savana Egginton
2C	Matilda Jarvis	6B	Trent Wessels
2D	Jacob Wood	6C	Heath Jones
2E	Andrew Jenner	6D	Byron Austin
3A	Bree McCallion	6E/7C	Leilani Quirke
3B	Chloe Bellman	7B	Franki Yates
3C	Jai Cope	7B	Antonia Lynam

## From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

### SWPBS

Focusing on the positives, rewarding desired behaviours and implementing positive reinforcement strategies can directly change behaviours. We value this philosophy at Kirwan. Last week we had our whole school reward day. From all reports it was very successful. A small percentage of our students did not participate in the extra play session. Students who had received a 'major' behaviour infringement during the term sat with teachers and addressed their behaviour and looked at other behaviours that they may use to replace the incorrect choices made. From all reports this was successful as well. Our next whole school rewards day is at the end of term. Our entire staff will be working towards every child participating in this day. We work tirelessly on encouraging every child to make constructive, positive and appropriate choices at school.

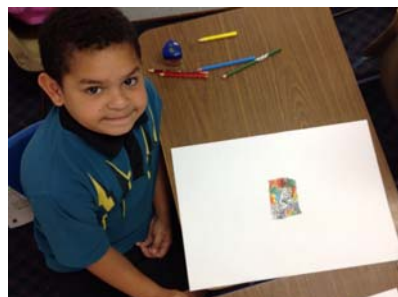
### ARL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Next Monday night our league team play Hermit Park State School in the next round of the ARL D Cup. We played Ryan in the first round and toughed out a narrow 6 - 4 win. Hermit Park have won their first two opening games, last night defeating Marian in a close game. They have some strong runners and they certainly can tackle. Come along to support your school team. We play at Brothers on field 1 with kick off at 6:00pm. Remember it is a knockout competition. See you there.

John Kratzmann - Deputy Principal

## Renowned Townsville Artist Visits Year 2B

Renowned Townsville Artist Anna Mango visited Year 2B as part of the Artist in a Suitcase Creative Classroom Program. Anna brought with her, art works held in the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery collection. They included works by Australian artists John Coburn, Robert Preston, Matthew Clark and New Zealand artist HAHA. Students created their own fantastic art works using line and colour. Their art works will go on display in June at the Perc Tucker Gallery.



Ammon Phineasa with his art work



Anna with the art work by HAHA

## Fun Run Money now Overdue

The due date for Fun Run money was Friday 23 May. Please have all Fun Run money returned ASAP.

## Term & Vacation Times For 2014 and 2015

2014	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	28 Jan - 04 Apr	05 Apr - 21 Apr
Term 2	22 Apr - 27 June	28 June - 13 July
Term 3	14 July - 19 Sept	20 Sept - 06 Oct
Term 4	07 Oct - 12 Dec	13 Dec - 26 Jan 2015
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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Heath Jones, Chris Reid, Aiden Simkin, Jett Manning and Isabella Sawyer who have been selected in the Thuringowa Touch Team. Well done!

## Office Hours Strictly 8:00am-3:30pm

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school's Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

SafeST Committee Email Address  
For any safety concerns email: [safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au](mailto:safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au)

# Athletics Carnival News

## Interhouse Athletics Days

Dates: **Thursday 29 May 9:00am** - March Past Practice, 400m (9 years) & 800m (10-13 years) - approx 9:30am start with races running continuously starting with 9 Year boys and continuing to 13 Year girls.  
**Friday 30 May 8:50am - 2:50pm** - Athletics Day - all students participate.  
**Wednesday 18 June 8:50am - 1:30pm** - Champions Day - all nominated boys and girls to participate.

**NO RIBBONS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON SPORTS DAY (only 800m Event and Champions Day). Our focus on Sports Day is participation, fun and trying your best for your team. It is also selection for Champions Day.**

The program for Friday 30 May is as follows:

	8 years Born in 2006	9 years Born in 2005	10 years Born in 2004	11 years Born in 2003	12/13 years Born in 2002/2001		Prep, Year 1&2s
8:50-9:00	Assemble in House Areas					8:50-9:00	Assemble in House Areas
9:00-9:20	March Past and War Cries					9:00-9:20	March Past and War Cries
9:20-10:10	High Jump	Shot Put (1kg)	Long Jump	200m -100m -Relays	Ball Games	9:20-10:30	60m Sprints
10:10-11:00	Shot Put (500g)	Long Jump	200m -100m -Relays	Ball Games	High Jump		
11:00-11:30	1st Break					10:30-11:00	1st Break
11:30-12:15	Long Jump	80m -Relays	Ball Games	High Jump	Shot Put (3kg)	11:00-12:30	Prep: Classroom cool down Yr 1/2: Mini Olympics/Novelties
12:15-1:00	80m -Relays	Ball Games	High Jump	Shot Put (2kg)	Long Jump		
1:00-1:30	2nd Break					12:30-1:00	2nd Break
1:30-2:20	Ball Games	High Jump	Shot Put (2kg)	Long Jump	200m -100m -Relays	1:00-2:50	Prep: Classroom activities Yr 1/2: Mini Olympics/Novelties or Classroom cool down
2:20-2:40	Clean Up Teachers vs Students 50m Relay (only if time permits)						
2:40-2:50	Presentation						

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES ON SPORTS DAY, PLEASE SEND A NOTE ALONG TO THEIR TEACHER. THIS WILL SAVE ANY UNNECESSARY DEBATE ON THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE IS BUSY.**



## NEEDED FOR SPORTS DAY

- ☞ Safety pin pinned to shirt (for name tag to be attached)
- ☞ N.B. All year levels including Prep to have a safety pin.
- ☞ Hat (all students must be wearing a hat)
- ☞ Sunscreen
- ☞ Shoes
- ☞ Water bottle
- ☞ House coloured shirt and accessories
- ☞ Good sportsmanship
- ☞ Lunch or money for lunch
- ☞ Fold-up chair for parents who are attending

Please ensure everything is marked clearly with your child/ren's names.

All students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colour on Sports Day.

**BORDER** ----- **GREEN**  
**FREEMAN** ----- **RED**  
**PERKINS** ----- **BLUE**  
**WILSON** ----- **YELLOW**

## TUCKSHOP MENU FOR SPORTS DAY

Tuckshop will be closed on Friday 30 May for normal trading. Below is the only menu available for Sports Day.  
 \* Prep to Year 2 will have tuckshop baskets and are able to pre-order on the day.  
 \* All other year levels can pre-order before Friday or purchase food during scheduled break times.

<b>HOT FOOD</b>	<b>DRINKS</b>
(100) Hamburgers (lettuce, tomato) \$4.50	Softdrinks .....\$2.00
(100) Sausage Rolls .....\$2.50	Water.....\$2.00
(100) Pies .....\$3.50	
(30) Bacon & Egg Burgers .....\$4.00	<b>LOLLIES &amp; CHIPS</b>
Sausage Sizzle (with or without onions) \$2.00	Chips .....\$1.50
	Lolly Bags & Lollies .....\$1.00
<b>PLEASE NOTE: Limits of 100 only:</b>	Coffee & Tea (OSHC selling).....\$3.00
Hamburgers, Sausage Rolls & Pies	Milkshake (OSHC selling).....\$2.00
<b>Limit of 30 only: Bacon &amp; Egg Burgers</b>	

**ICY CUPS** (Year 7s selling in house colours) 0.50      **CUPCAKES** (OSHC selling in house colours) \$2.00

The program for Champions Field Events Day (Wednesday 18 June) is as follows:

	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12/13 Yrs		Sprints for 7 years to 13 years
8:50-10:15	Timed sprint heats for 7 years to 13 years			8:50-10:15	Timed sprint heats
10:15-10:50	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put		
10:50-11:30	1st Break			10:15-1:00	-All 7 to 9 years back to class. -All 10 to 13 years not in field events back to class.
11:30-12:15	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump		
12:15-1:00	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump		
1:00-1:30	Sprint Finals for 7 years to 13 years			1:00-1:30	Sprint Finals
1:30-→	2nd Break Back to regular classes			1:30-→	2nd Break Back to regular classes

## Kirwan keepers



29 May .....	800m Races & March Past
30 May .....	Kirwan Athletics Carnival
03 June .....	Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
03 June .....	Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
05 June .....	Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
17 June .....	P&C Meeting– 7:00pm in the Staffroom
18 June .....	Champions Day
24 October .....	School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

## Fete - 24 October 2014

- Our next fete meeting is on Tuesday 03 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

## Fete Sponsor Of The Week

A huge thank you to Mr Sam Cox MP and Barbeques Galore for their kind donation of a Weber BBQ. For all your BBQ, camping and outdoor needs, please support those who support us.



### Barbeques Galore Thuringowa

Ryland Place, 70 Hervey Range Road  
 Thuringowa Central Qld 4817  
 ☎ 4773 1133  
 Monday - Friday: 9:00am-5:30pm  
 Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
 Sunday: 10:00am-3:00pm



Tammie collecting our BBQ from Barbeques Galore

## P&C Pieces

- The next P&C general meeting is on Tuesday 17 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!
- Don't forget to get your Reversible School Hat in your house colour for sports day this Friday. They are available from the uniform shop in F Block on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45am and are \$12 each.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

## Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- The Year 6/7 Parent Committee will be selling house coloured icy cups at the sports carnival this Friday. Helpers are needed to sell on the day.
- Our next Parent meeting will be on Thursday 05 June at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.
- The Dinner Dance note is due back TOMORROW!

## Tuckshop Talk

May 28	Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
May 29	Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
May 30	Sports Day
Jun 02	Mad Murdock Monday
Jun 03	Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop DOES NOT ACCEPT foreign currency.

## Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 03 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs