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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am confident when I say, everything we do here at Kirwan, we do well.

I am proud of the very high standards that we set and expect for our school; standards we set for ourselves as school staff (all staff including teaching and non-teaching staff) and the standards we set and expect from our students around their schooling performance, attendance and behaviour. Recently at our ANZAC Day ceremony one of our guests, Mr Aron Harper (member for Thuringowa) made specific comments to me about the presentation of the school, the wonderful behaviour of our students, the professional attitude of our staff and the 'shining example' (these were Mr Harper's words from his Facebook page as he talked about our ANZAC ceremony) of our community spirit on display during our ANZAC Day ceremony. Your support as parents, carers and family is essential to maintain the high standards we expect from our school and our students. It is true that to get the best from our students we need very strong partnerships – between school staff, parents, families and community.

Please read on, be informed of what is happening around the school and play your part in strengthening our school and your child's education.

NAPLAN

Nationwide NAPLAN testing for all children in Years 3 and 5 will commence in the week of 11 May. These tests will run over three days and test students on language conventions and writing, reading and numeracy. The best preparation for NAPLAN is good quality teaching and learning – this is what we do every day. Your child's teacher is well aware of the anticipated content of the tests and is making sure your child is well prepared. There will be more information on the NAPLAN tests in next week's newsletter.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I encourage all parents to strengthen your knowledge of your child's performance at school through a parent teacher interview. These are on now.

Drop off and Pick Up Times

I ask all parents to abide by the road rules around our school when dropping off or collecting students. Student safety and setting the right example for our students is paramount. Please.....

- Do not park in the 'kiss and go' zone – park only in designated parking bays.
- Park in the disabled bays only if you have a disabled parking sticker.
- Be considerate of households in the Overton Circuit area – park legally and respectfully.
- Give your fellow parents and carers respect – a little patience is the key - inappropriate behaviour is not acceptable.

Please be aware that police will do random checks in the mornings and afternoons. It can be awfully embarrassing if you are booked in front of your family and friends.

The Little Mermaid – Jnr

Have you got your tickets to our whole school musical yet? It will be a real spectacle – over 115 cast members singing and dancing on stage. You and your family will be missing out if you don't go.

Fun Run

Last Friday was a sensational day of distance running, school spirit and house comradery. It was great to see our students in their house colours doing their best against their friends. Well done to Mrs Talbot for her great organisation of the day – again another example of the high standards we set here at Kirwan. From the day's results we have selected the interschool cross country team. Good luck.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Thank you to our wonderful Defence Force Transition Aides, Jenny and Leigh, for their amazing organisation of our ANZAC Day Ceremony and our school march along the strand on Saturday. It was again, very easy to be proud of our school.



Thank you... Yours in Education...
John Kratzmann
Acting Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

HAVE YOU SEEN THE EDUCATION QUEENSLAND SPEAK APP?

The ability to communicate effectively through speaking and listening is essential for a child and builds a strong foundation for successful learning.

How to download

Download the SPEAK app for:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android

SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture language development in children from 0-6 years of age. There are multiple activities within each age group to help boost your child's speaking and listening ability.

The information and activities were developed by the Department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

SPEAK is for everyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter!

For more information download the SPEAK fact sheet - <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/resources/pdf/speak-factsheet.pdf>



Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

ICAS 2015 - Invitation for Year 3-6 Students

ALL students in Years 3-6 are offered the opportunity to participate in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) program.

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing which enables schools to identify students' levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive comprehensive hard copy and online reports on their performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. More information is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas.

In line with our focus on reading and writing this year, we have decided to target students demonstrating specific strengths in these areas. These students will be identified by their previous and current academic records and will receive a letter of offer to participate in the writing assessment competition.

In the meantime, all students have the opportunity to enter some or all of the competitions as detailed below. A permission form will be sent home with this newsletter for your use. For any further information please don't hesitate to contact Trish McEvey.

2015 SITTING DATES AND ENTRY PRICES:

- Science – 3 June 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- Writing – 15 June 2015 to 19 June 2015 (\$18.70 GST inclusive)
- Spelling – 16 June 2015 (\$12.10 GST inclusive)
- English – 28 July 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- Mathematics – 11 August 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)

Chappy Week Celebration- Tue 19 May 7-9am

Chaplaincy Week is just a few weeks away! Chaplaincy Week is an opportunity to recognise and highlight the role of Chaplains in Queensland schools. Kirwan Primary School is having a "Chappy Week" celebration morning on Tuesday 19 May before school. Community Radio Station 99.9 Live FM will broadcast live from Kirwan School from 6:30am. There will be a 10 second Talent Quest on air, Sausage Sizzle, Coin Trail and activities and games; a morning you will not want to miss! Stay tuned for further announcements in the next few weeks.



Trudy Godwin- School Chaplain

Fun Run Results 2015

Congratulations on a successful Fun Run to all our Kirwan students, staff and parents. Thanks to those of you who helped make the event run so successfully. Special thanks to Mr Clarrie and Kim in the Tuckshop for your help. Thanks to Mr K for his visits and support as well.

Overall results:

1st Border 467 2nd Wilson 458 3rd Perkins 452 4th Freeman 387

Top 3 runners:

- Prep boys – Hayes Manning, Ryder Boyce, Callum Andersen
- Prep girls – Makayla Peterson, Mekenzie Pacchiarotta, Samantha Dei Rossi
- Yr 1 boys – Leo Wedel, Bradley Rogers, Lathan King
- Yr 1 girls – Maddison Hovasapian, Stephanie Smalley, Madison Green
- Yr 2 boys – Nathan Stewart, Natt Sommerville, Jye Melvin
- Yr 2 girls – Shanay Cox, Hannah Davis, Juliane Gurney
- Yr 3A, B, E, F boys and Year 4 boys (8 years old) - Andrew Jenner, Brok Lythgo, Isaac Voysey
- Yr 3A, B, E and F girls and Year 4 girls (8 years old) - Ella Laura Reilly, Olivia Dempsey, Scarlett Sagacio
- 3C and 3D boys – Diesel Taylor, Jayden Parker, Blake Van Dorp
- 3C and 3D girls – Hirani Steven, Alinta Yasserie, Lara Szymanski
- 9 year boys – Alex Trueman, Luke Bennie, Jai Clark
- 9 year girls – Belle Stanek, Zoe Brown, Ella McCarthy
- 10 year boys – Braiden Driscoll, Jett Newman, Owen Church
- 10 year girls – Kiana Phineasa, Kaitlyn Stewart, Sharla Campbell
- 11 year boys – Isaac Trueman, Seth Johnson, Blake Langdon (*This was the race of the day – Isaac and Seth were neck and neck the whole way until the last 30m, then Isaac overtook Seth to finish first.*)
- 11 year girls – Jessica, Kiamber Nilsson, Tahnee Marshall
- 12 year boys – Matthew Schulz, Harley Taylor, Zane Prince
- 12 year girls – Stella Abbott, Emma Manning, Kirra Reeves

Reminder to those students who finished in the top 5 places for 10 year olds to 12 year olds, you have made the school Cross Country team and will be training Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00am on the oval starting this week and continuing until the Interschool Cross Country.

Any other students who would like to participate in fitness training are welcome to come along to the team trainings.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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	Zara Fraser	3B	Max Cook
PrepB	Connor Smith	3C	Cheyenne Blinkhorn
PrepD	Leila Harnas	3C	Paige Daly
PrepE	Lylah Cohen	3D	Mackenzie
1B	Isaak Henderson	3E	Charlie Jones
1C	Sarah Talbot	4A	Rachel Browning
1D	Haylee Graham	4B	Lily Savage
1E	Cruz Shelton	4B	Brock Patterson
2A	Dominic Anderson	4C	Shyannah Morris
2A	Ava Sihavong	4D	Brooklyn Lindsay
2C	Aiden Parrish	5A	Maxwell Cohen
2D	Stella Spiteri	5B	Lilijana Baker-Plant
2E	Kaileigh Buckley	5B	Holly Russell
2F	Matthew Ezias	5D	Samantha Smart
3A	Kaleb Tanner	6C	Tyler Boyce
3B	Emily Gough		

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing...

- at least once a week; or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness. Remember to notify the school.

Stigma associated with head lice

Remember that ANYONE can catch head lice.

Let's have a school that keeps head lice under control by:

- talking freely about head lice;
- notifying the school about the presence of head lice (get your copy of notification forms from the school); and
- feeling comfortable about requesting further information and support.

P&C Pieces

- Our next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 19 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. See you there.

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

Defence News

- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 05 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- If you have recently posted into the Townsville region, your child may be eligible for tutoring. Please come in and see us for more information.
- If you have any school or defence-related matters please come in and see us as we may be able to help out.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

Apr 29 Sandra, Carol, Michelle
Apr 30 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
May 01 Belinda, Leanne
May 04 Mad Murdock Monday, Leanne
May 05 Fiona

- Tuckshop does not accept foreign coins.
- Tuckshop bags are 10c.
- SLUSHIES WILL RETURN DURING THIS WEEK!

Kirwan Keepers



April Student Resource Scheme – Payment OVERDUE
30 April Indigenous Parents Meeting - 2:00pm Indigenous Room
04-08 May Mother's Day Stall
05 May Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
19 May Chappy Week Celebration – 7:00-9:00am
19 May P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
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)

Indigenous News

Our next Indigenous Parents Meeting will be held this Thursday 30 April at 2:00pm in the Indigenous Room in the Multi-purpose Hall. New and existing parents are very welcome. Please come along and have a say in what our school can do for your child/ren.

Thank you...

Debbie and Lorna – IESIP Aides

Mother's Day Stall

**Monday 04 May – Friday 08 May – in the Multi-purpose Hall
Open 8:15am to 3:30pm each day next week.**

Spoil your Mum with a gift from our Mother's Day Stall – prices start from just \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00 & \$10.00. Individual classes will have assigned times during the week to visit the stall. Please ask your teacher for allocated times. Please see the attached flyer to see some of the exciting things you can purchase for your Mum. 😊

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 – FINAL REMINDER – Extended to Friday 01 May – If you missed the deadline last Friday to drop your forms in, please note we have extended the date to this Friday. All order forms and payments are to be returned to the new cash window in an envelope marked 'School Jumpers P&C' – Cash or Cheque payments only will be accepted. Please note an order can only be placed once a minimum of 150 have been received. Cost is \$40.

SPORTS DAY BANDANNAS – GET IN EARLY – Purchase your sports day bandanna in your team colours from the Uniform Shop - \$5.00 each.

**Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow
HATS** – The uniform shop is selling new reversible hats in the four house colours for \$12 each.

Musical – "The Little Mermaid"



FOTT Concert



Well done to all the students who performed at our first promotion for the musical at the FOTT Concert at PIMPAC on Sunday. The audience and organisers loved it. WELL DONE!!

Musical Rehearsals

All cast, including all Prep students, have rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the hall. Only 7 to go!

Lead Role Rehearsals with Mrs Ransom

1st Break - (not Mon) Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 1-10

2nd Break – Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 11-20

Many lead roles still don't know their lines – please HELP them learn them. We only have 7 weeks left!!

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

Advertising in the Musical Program

**Do you own a business? Are you looking for new ways to advertise?
Would you like to support Kirwan State School's Musical?
Then why not advertise in our musical program!**

This year Kirwan State School is staging a musical performance of The Little Mermaid at the Civic Theatre on 23 and 24 June. As in previous years we are producing a good quality glossy program to be sold on the night. We are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise in this program.

Pricing for an advertisement in our program is as follows:

SIZE	PRICE
9cm x 5cm	\$50
19cm x 10cm	\$100

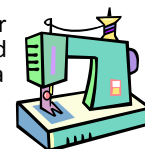
If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please email nhamp3@eg.edu.au with your advertisement attached. We will then invoice you for your ad.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Natasha Hampton (on behalf of the Musical Committee)

Sewers Needed for the Musical

Help is desperately needed to sew costumes for our Musical. The sewing required is neither too involved nor too time consuming, so if you are able to sew in a straight line we have a job for you! Please phone Tracey Rogers on 0427.724.756 if you would like to lend a hand. It would be hugely appreciated.



Congratulations

Congratulations Luke Bolton, Stella Abbott and Jazmin Corbet for making the Thuringowa Soccer teams and to Lachlan McCulloch for being selected in the Thuringowa Hockey team. Well done!