28 April 2015

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 ‘kick 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.

From the Principal’s Desk

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!


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 McCvey.

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 Clare 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, Mckenzie Pacchiarotta, Samantha Del Rossi
- Year 1 boys – Leo Wedle, Bradley Rogers, Lathan King
- Year 1 girls – Maddison Hovasapan, Stephanie Smallay, Madison Green
- Year 2 boys – Nathan Stewart, Nat Sommerville, Jye Melvin
- Year 2 girls – Shayla Cox, Hannah Davis, Juliane Gurney
- Year 3A, B, E, F boys and Year 4 boys (8 years old) – Andrew Jenner, Brok Lythgo, Isaac Voysey
- Year 3A, B, E and F girls and Year 4 girls (8 years old) – Ellaura Reilly, Olivia Dempsey, Scarlett Sagiac

3C and 3D boys – Diesel Taylor, Jayden Parker, Blake Van Dorp
3C and 3D girls – Hirani Steven, Alinta Yasser, Lara Szyminsk
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

(Trust 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 Nilson, Taheen Marshall
12 year boys – Matthew Schulz, Harley Taylor, Dane Prince
12 year girls – Stella Abbott, Emma Mann, Kirwan Cross

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 Freter 3C: Max Cook
PrepB: Connor Smith 3C: Cheyenne Bloombird
PrepD: Leila Harnas 3C: Paige Daly
PrepE: Lyala Cohen 3D: Mackenzie
1B: Isaiah Henderson 3E: Charlie Jones
1C: Sarah Talbot 4A: Rachel Browning
1D: Hayley Graham 4B: Lily Savage
1E: Cruz Shetton 4B: Brock Patterson
2A: Dominic Anderson 4C: Shaynna Morris
2A: Ava Sihavong 4D: Brooklyn Lindsay
2C: Aiden Parrish 5A: Maxwell Cohen
2D: Stella Spiteri 5B: Liiliana Baker-Plant
2E: Kaileigh Buckley 5B: Holly Russell
2F: Matthew Elias 5D: Samantha Smart
3A: Kaleb Tenias 6C: Tyler Boyce

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;
- 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);
- 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

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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 school 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”

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:

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If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please
email nhamp3@eq.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!