



KIRNEWS

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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

My sincere congratulations to the organisers of our ANZAC ceremony last Thursday. It is always a pleasure to showcase our school and this event was no exception. Our guests were full of praise for the dignity and respect displayed by ALL our students from Prep right through to Year 7. For some students, this event may be their only "taste" of the ANZAC tradition and I certainly believe that it represents a solid slice of what ANZAC Day is all about.

Thank you also to the families who joined our school to form part of the Thuringowa March on Friday (the "real" ANZAC Day). Once again, it is fantastic to see the level of support and sense of community our school enjoys from families and staff combined. Well done to all.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

At Kirwan, we believe in rewarding good behaviour in a variety of ways from stickers, classroom currency, Gotchas, Student of the Week Awards, Academic and School Awards.....and the list goes on. Our SWPBS team has recognized that we have approximately 92% of our students across the school who **never set a foot wrong**. In other words, these are the students who are always SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE. This term, we will be trialling extra, supervised play time in Week 5 for those students who have had no more than two minor behaviours throughout the first half of the term. We believe that this simple way of saying "thank you" to our fantastic students will acknowledge the fact that many of them do not seek to be rewarded at all. They find their own rewards from within.

NAPLAN

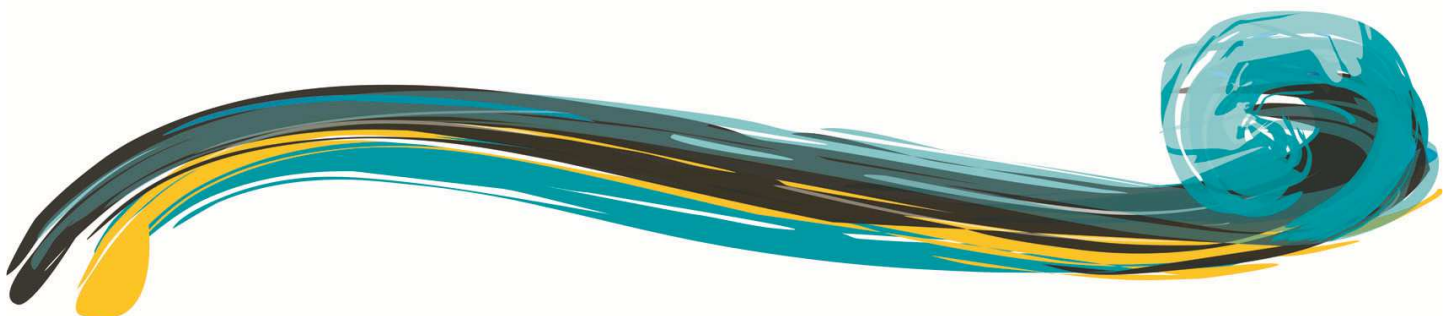
Just a reminder that NAPLAN testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 will occur from the 13th to the 16th of May (that's not next week but the week after). My message to students is very simple.....do your VERY best from start to finish.

Parents, please support your child by making sure they have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast and that they arrive with plenty of time to get ready for testing. There will be some time allocated to "make up" testing in the afternoon and on Friday 16th but it is preferable if your child can sit the test with their classmates.

If you have any concerns about NAPLAN testing, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. I am looking forward to some solid results again this year building on the improvements of past years and I am confident that the hard work of our teachers will bear fruit once again. Good luck!

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

I am very proud of the solidarity shown by all school staff when it comes to our whole school positive behaviour support program for our students – it is not just some classes or staff, it's all in – a real team effort. For the first four weeks of this term all classes will be teaching their students about 'playing fairly'. A sequence of lessons involving explicit instruction, role play and group discussion around being a good winner and a good loser will be taught in every classroom. Students will then be rewarded (with rewards and gotchas) when they practise the skills they have learned through demonstrating these during games at playtimes.

Playing games is one of the ways in which students learn about social behaviour in general. Games provide experiences, during which students have to play fairly, get along with others and handle the emotions that come with winning and losing.

WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD

At the end of Week 5 this term (Friday 23 May) every student has the opportunity to earn a special reward. It will be a celebration of wonderful behaviour and effort for students who have earned it over the first 5 weeks. Students who make great choices and have no inappropriate behaviours (**identified as a 'major behaviour' or '2 minor behaviours' – as listed in our School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**) will be invited to participate in a whole school, extra lunchtime, play session. This will be in addition to our normal lunch play times. Students will be able to participate in some fun games or simply have some extra playtime to enjoy. There are many positives and rewards for students in our school who demonstrate fantastic choices. Having a lunchtime celebration for students who have a clean record (for the first 5 weeks of term 2) is only one way that we say, 'well done' to our students. At this stage, 100% of our students are on track.

Good luck.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all parents and carers for your daily support of your children to do their best at our school each day. All staff appreciate students arriving on time in the morning, the wonderful lunches packed for students, the covered books, appropriate stationery, support with homework, patience with parking around the school, constructive conversations after the school day and, of course, the modelling of a problem solving approach when issues arise at school. As you do, we want the best for your children.

John Kratzmann – 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	Taylor Tassell	3A	Alice Edgerton
PrepB	Chelsea Kettles	3B	Danika Poole
PrepC	Ella Firth	3B	Amelia Lynd
PrepD	Kiarah Davis	3C	Rebecca Ellis
PrepE	Summer-Rose Harms-Gallagher	3D	Jade Dickenson
PrepF/1F	Chloe Verhaaf	3E	Jayda Thompson
1A	Emma Curtis	4A	Thomas Cooper
1B	Paula Doherty	4A	Alannah Cowley
1C	Darius Topp	4B	Logan Quirke
1D	Cindy Cheadle	4C	Holly Russell
1E	Cooper Michalczyk	4D	Jarell Gillin-Smith
2A	Harrison Lowe	5B	Callum McConkey
2B	Caitlin Pickens	5D	Izach Jorgensen-King
2C	Emily Gough	6A	Tahjon Neliman
2C	Hayden Stewart	6B	Trent Austin
2D	Jett Lawrence	6C	Aric Rolfe
2D	Ashley Parrish	6D	Naiomi Davis
2E	Charlie May	6E/7C	Ruby Ware
3A	Morgan Cameron	7B	Willow Hills-Amory

From the Deputy Principal – Tony Woodhouse

READING

The importance of reading

Research has shown that the single most important thing that a parent can do to help their child acquire language, prepare their child for school, and instil a love of learning in their child, is to read to them (Russ et al., 2007).

When you read to your child you are exposing your child to more than just the words on the page; you are demonstrating proper speech patterns, the basics of how a book is read (i.e., from left to right, top to bottom, etc.), and the excitement that reading can bring.

Try reading books that you remember from your childhood. If you are excited about reading to your child, your child will be excited to listen, and the more you do it, the easier and more fun it will become. Make it a part of your daily routine.

Show your child that reading is not just something that happens at bed time. Share a newspaper with your child, look for an interesting article and talk about it. When cooking, use a cookbook and share the text and new words.

Most of all, enjoy a good book.

ANZAC DAY

For those parents and carers who were able to attend our ANZAC Day Service on Thursday last week, I am sure you will agree that all our students sat wonderfully during the entire parade and demonstrated what a great school Kirwan is. Thank you to Jenny Sheehan and Leigh Reid, our school's Defence School Transition Aides, for organising this parade. Also a big thank you to our guest speakers and student leaders who highlighted the importance of ANZAC Day to our community and for all Australians.

KEEP PHONE NUMBERS UP TO DATE

It is very important that we have the most up to date contact details for all students. If you have recently changed any of your contact details please let the office know.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

From the Head of Curriculum

Kirwan students in Years 4-7 are encouraged to participate in the 2014 ICAS program. Students wishing to participate in the 2014 ICAS program will need to complete the entry form and return with fees by Tuesday 6 May, 2014. Entry forms are available from the office or from the attachment to the electronic edition of Kirnews.

WHAT IS ICAS? 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 students' performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:

1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students;
2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students;
3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students;
4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students;
5. **Participation** to all other students.

Results are also available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities.

Details of the 2014 tests, fees and dates are listed below.

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry fee, incl. GST
Science	4-7	4 June 2014	\$8.80
Writing	4-7	16-20 June 2014	\$18.70
Spelling	4-7	17 June 2014	\$12.10
English	4-7	29 July 2014	\$8.80
Mathematics	4-7	12 August 2014	\$8.80
			TOTAL (for all)
			\$57.20

For any further information, please contact Trish McEvey on 4799.1888 or pmcev2@eq.edu.au.

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

Kirwan keepers



01 May.....	Fun Run
01 May.....	Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
01 May.....	Disco – The Term 1 disco that was postponed due to weather
01 May.....	Disco Sausage Sizzle – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
02 May.....	All Fun Run money due back
05-09 May.....	Mother's Day Stall
06 May.....	Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
13 May.....	Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
20 May.....	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
29 May.....	800m Races & March Past
30 May.....	Kirwan Athletics Carnival
18 June.....	Champions Day
24 October.....	School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

P&C Pieces

- **Disco Sausage Sizzle** – The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle during the Student Council Disco this Thursday 01 May from **5:30-6:30pm**.
- **Reversible School Hats** are 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 so get yours now ready for sports day.
- The **next P&C general meeting** will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.



Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete – 24 October 2014

- Our **next fete meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 13 May** at **7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- Have you asked your child what stall their class will be running at the fete and have you considered asking the teacher if there is any way you can help?
- We are looking for donations of the following items which can be left with Kim at the Tuckshop:
 - Second hand books;
 - Pot plants;
 - Clean/label-free jars (jam, peanut butter, pasta sauce, coffee, etc);
 - Scrap material, paints, embroidery threads, cottons, beads & craft glue.

Mother's Day Stall

The Year 6/7 Parent Committee will be holding a Mother's Day Stall from 05 May – 09 May. Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$5. Classes will be allocated times to attend and the stall will also be open before school from 8:15am in the Multipurpose Hall.

Defence News

- Thank you to the students and families who attended our ANZAC Day March on Friday 25 April. Your support for this event was greatly appreciated.
- Our next Parent Chat Group will be held on Tuesday 06 May at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers most welcome.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

There will be a meeting this Thursday 01 May at 2:00pm in the staffroom to finalise the Mother's Day stall and discuss the end of year dinner dance details. See you all there!

Book Fair – Next Week!!

Kirwan State School is running a Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will have all of the resources of Book Club and will be run next week from **05 May to 09 May**. The fair will be open in the **Resource Centre** from **Monday to Friday** during the following times:

8:00 – 8:45am (Monday to Friday)
1st & 2nd Breaks (Monday to Friday)
3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday till Thursday)



This fair will be full of fantastic titles suitable for all ages. All purchases at this fair support our school Library.

Resource Centre Staff

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Kyle Bitossi* who participated in Tenpin Bowling at the RACQ NQ Games over the holidays. Kyle won **GOLD** in the Junior Doubles Division. Well done Kyle!

Student Council Disco - Thursday 01 May

Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-6:00pm
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – 6:30pm-8:30pm

THE TERM 1 DISCO THAT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO BAD WEATHER WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY 01 MAY!

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. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.



Tuckshop Talk

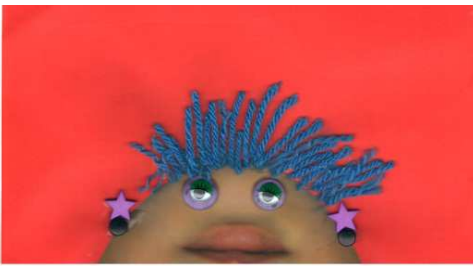
Apr 30	Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
May 01	Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
May 02	Belinda, Jo
May 05	Helen, Brett
May 06	Jenni, Fiona

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

Some 2B Work from Term 1

Our 2B students were busy last term designing their own face cards.





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