29 July 2014

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

BOORI PRYOR

Last week and continuing this week, our resident Children’s Author in Residence, Laureate Boori Pryor is working with our Year Five students. Boori’s stories, which include relevant modern themes and messages for children, are well loved and recognized by most of our students. Our students have had the opportunity to make butterfly cakes and this week will work with Boori making pizzas.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

All our Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students last week—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

We have enjoyed excellent results in our School Opinion Survey for the last 3 years or so and we always use the information provided to continue to improve our practice. I encourage everyone to take the 10 minutes or so to complete the survey before 3 August when the survey closes.

KOKUGAKUIN STUDENTS

This week on Thursday, we welcome the students from Kokugakuin High School who will be spending time with our Year 7 students. The Kokugakuin students who are visiting from Japan will enjoy trying Vegemite and Pavlova, playing an Aboriginal game called Idda and helping our Year 7 students with the intricacies of Origami.

Another great week at our great school.....

Until next week ... Kind regards

Tony Woodhouse
Acting Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

REMINDER RE: MEDICATION ADMINISTERING AT SCHOOL
Authorisation by a Medical Practitioner is required prior to school staff being able to administer medication at school. It is mandatory that all medication given to students at school be prescribed by a Medical Practitioner, therefore all medication given to students at school, including over the counter medication (panadol, ventolin, etc), must be filled by a doctor’s prescription. The school must also have the original packing and labels. Please contact the office if you have any further questions regarding this.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – ARE YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL?
Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.

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  Beau Wood  3A  Lily Savage
PrepB  Connor Jackson  3B  Abbie-Rose Williams
PrepC  Jye O’Shea  3C  Angus Smart
PrepD  Riley Trueman  3E  Larry Parker
PrepE  Larnah Williams  3E  Emily Ryan
PrepF/1F  Rhiann Steven  4A  Georgina Watt
1A  Kye Fish  4A  Alannah Hansen
1B  Blake Carson  4B  Kiamber Nilsson
1C  Lilita Harlock  4C  Jalen Goldsworthy
1D  Lou-Canna Koreopa  6B  Nikita Comtesse
1E  Alissa Muir  6D  Kabine Graf
2A  Sam Conroy  6E/7C  John Nawara
2B  Jade McGrath  7A  Charlie Struthers
2C  Wyatt Hamilton  7A  Shy Tully
2D  McKee Marshman-Burton  7A  Caely Waters
2E  Lachlan McConkey  7B  Kaitlyn Phillips
3A  Taj May  7B  Ayden Wood

Lego Donations

DO YOU HAVE A BOX OF LEGO LYING AROUND CATCHING DUST?? WE HAVE A SOLUTION!!

Mrs Flynn (3E) is looking forward to commencing “Lego Lunch” at second breaks and she is hoping for donations of Lego.

Do you have Lego that is no longer utilised? Would you like to donate it to “Lego Lunch”? If so, it would be greatly appreciated. The office staff will happily pass on any donations to Mrs Flynn.

We are all looking forward to seeing the creative constructions of our Kirwan Kids!!

Mrs Jodie Flynn – 3E

From the Deputy Principal – Trish McEvey

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD’S REPORT CARD IN PREP – YEAR 2
Last week I included information to help understand your child’s report card. This week I have updated this and included the scales used for Prep, Year 1 and 2.

In the Prep year, the five-point scale used to describe your child’s progress in the areas of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography is:

- Applying
- Making Connections
- Working With
- Exploring
- Becoming Aware

These scales are detailed further on the front of your child’s report card. In addition to these scales, there will be comments for the areas unique to Prep under the Early Years Curriculum Guidelines strands of Social and Personal Learning, and Health and Physical Learning.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that this is a snapshot of where your child is at this point in time. All children enter their first year of schooling with a very diverse set of experiences that contributes to their learning. Because of this, students will naturally progress at differing speeds and levels. Just as they set up, walked and talked at different times, their academic progress will also be individual.

In Years 1 and 2 the academic five point scale is:

- Very High
- High
- Sound
- Developing
- Support Required
- N: Where there is insufficient evidence to make a judgement.

In line with the rest of the year levels, the ‘Sound’ in Years 1 and 2, means the student is meeting all areas of the Australian Achievement Standard that has been taught and assessed to date.

The achievement standards are written at a ‘mid-range’ standard and are typical of what a successful student knows and can do by the end of that year level. So a ‘C’ or a ‘Sound’ or a ‘Working With’ means that the student has consistently demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the curriculum taught to date at year level standard. In a nutshell, a ‘mid-range grade’ is exactly where the typical student needs to be.

For more information on the Australian Curriculum and Standards, visit [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/).

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal

Indigenous News

There will be an Indigenous Parents Group Meeting on this Thursday 31 July 2014 at 2:00pm in the Indigenous Room. We will be discussing NAIDOC celebrations so please come along and share your ideas.

Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer

Term & Vacation Times For 2014 and 2015

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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
**RED TRACK NOTES ARE DUE BACK ASAP!** Students are expected to attend as many training sessions as possible for the events they have been selected for. Please see Mrs Talbot if students cannot attend training sessions. Junior Sprint Training is for our 7-9 year olds and Senior Sprint Training is for our 10-13 year olds.

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**Week 3 starting 28 July**

- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Ms O'Connor
- 8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Bums
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Ms Hallam
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Mrs Talbot
- 800m Training Ms Hallam
- 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield

**Week 4 starting 04 Aug**

- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Ms O'Connor
- 8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Bums
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Ms Hallam
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Mrs Talbot
- 800m Training Ms Hallam
- 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield

**Week 5 starting 11 Aug**

- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Ms O'Connor
- 8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Bums
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Ms Hallam
- 8am Senior 10-13 year olds Relay Team Training Mrs Talbot
- 800m Training Ms Hallam
- 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING**

Now is the time for students to sign up for instrumental lessons for next year. Students currently in Year 3 and 4 are eligible to sign up for Brass and Woodwind instruments, String and Percussion instruments. Students currently in Year 5 can sign up for String instruments and Percussion instruments. (Brass and woodwind not available for Year 5 students.) Please see Mr Curro for an enrolment form.

**P&C Pieces**

- The next P&C general meeting is on Tuesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
- **FATHER’S DAY STALL** – the P&C will be running a Father’s Day Stall from 1/9/14 to 5/9/14. Class times will be advised closer to the stall. Gifts will be priced from $2-$5.

**Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary**

**Fete - 24 October 2014**

- There are only **12 weeks** until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child’s class stall and let your child’s teacher know.
- Our next fete meeting is **TONIGHT, Tuesday 29 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- **RIDES, WRISTBANDS AND SHOWBAGS** – these will be available for pre-purchase prior to the fete at a discounted rate. Dates will be advertised in the next Kirnews when they will go on sale.
- **DONATIONS REQUIRED** – the following items are required to help make our stalls a success
  - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)
  - Tattoos
  - Brown paper bags
  - Clear cellophane
  - Bags of balloons
  - Second-hand books
  - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)

Please leave all donations with Kim at the tuckshop. Closer to the fete we will be asking for donations of plants and cakes/sweets.

**Fete Sponsor Of The Week**

A huge thank you to Sk8way for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.

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