



KIRNEWS

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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

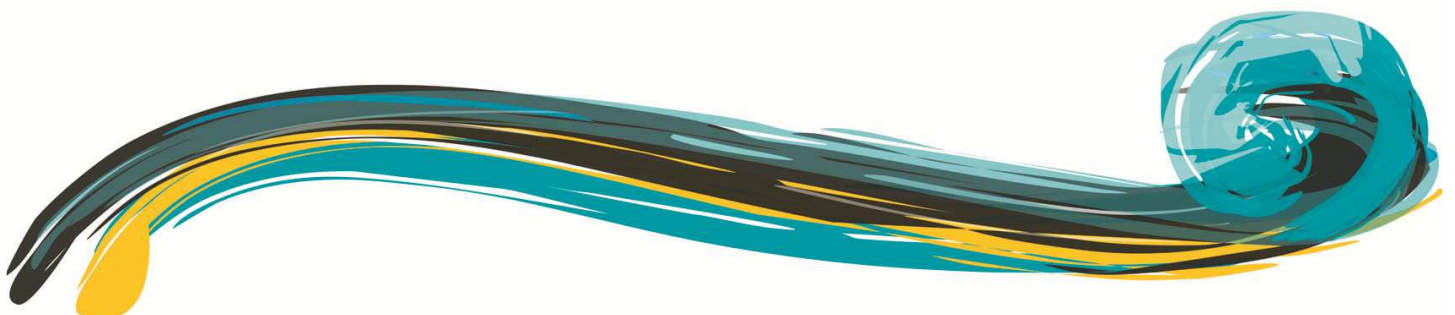
This week on Thursday, we welcome the students from Kokugakuin High School who will be spending time with our Year 7 students. The Kokugakuin students who are visiting from Japan will enjoy trying Vegemite and Pavlova, playing an Aboriginal game called Idda and helping our Year 7 students with the intricacies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

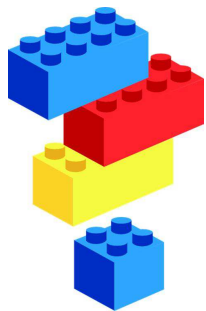
Kirwan's Achievers

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	Rihann Steven	4A	Georgina Watt
1A	Kye Fish	4A	Alannah Hansen
1B	Blake Carson	4B	Kiamber Nilsson
1C	Lilita Harlock	4C	Jalen Goldsworthy
1D	Lou-Cianna Kereopa	6B	Nikita Comtesse
1E	Alissa Muir	6D	Xabine Graf
2A	Sam Conroy	6E/7C	John Nawara
2B	Jade McGrath	7A	Charlee Struthers
2C	Wyatt Hamilton	7A	Shy Tully
2D	McKinlee 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 sat 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/>.

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

Fete Meeting tonight Tuesday 29 July
7:00pm in the Staffroom

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

Red Track Training Sessions & Information

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3 starting 28 July	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 4 starting 04 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 5 starting 11 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield	RED TRACK

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan eepers



29 July..... Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 31 July..... Welcoming our Japanese friends from Kokagakuin School
 31 July..... Indigenous Parents Group Meeting – 2:00pm
 11-15 August..... Year 6 & 7 Camp Week
 12 August Defence Parents Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
 15 August Red Track Athletics Day
 19 August P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 1-19 September Prep Interviews with Admin
 8 September..... Whole School Concert
 18 September..... NAIDOC Celebrations Day
 19 September..... Last day of Term 3
 07 October First day of Term 4
 24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
 30 October Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 October Prep Come and Try Day
 8 December..... Prep Come and Try Day
 8 December..... Whole School Transition Day

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

• **CHOCOLATES AND/OR CHOCOLATE MONEY are now overdue.** Please return all money and unsold chocolates ASAP.

Defence News

Hi everyone... Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 12 August at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Geckos Festival is on Saturday 9 August 1:00-8:00pm. There will be face painting, rides and amusements, laser skirmish and more. Adam Brand will be performing on the night as well as a fireworks display. Contact Geckos for more details and ticket sales on 4411 7031. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Music News

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.

Thomas Curro – Music Teacher

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
 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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Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015

21 July..... 2015 Prep Bookings Open
 1-19 September Prep Interviews with Admin
 30 October Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 October Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
 8 December Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

Tuckshop Talk

Jul 30 Carol, Michelle (½ day)
 Jul 31 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
 Aug 01 Jo
 Aug 04 Murdock Madness
 Aug 05 Jenni, Fiona

- PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY IN WITH YOUR CHILD/REN'S TUCKSHOP ORDERS. A lot of recent orders have been short-changed. Orders will be substituted. PLEASE CHECK YOUR MENU FOR PRICES.
- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency – Orders may be substituted.

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm