



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

PREP INTERVIEWS

This week, members of the administration team have commenced interviewing new Preppies for 2015. At this stage we have 4 classes confirmed for 2015 with new enrolments making enquiries on a daily basis. In order to assist us with our planning for 2015, please approach the school administration NOW if you have a Preppie for 2015. Also...if you are aware of families in our vicinity/community who have children who will turn 5 before the end of June 2015, then please advise them to contact us NOW. Early accurate enrolment numbers allow us to make good quality decisions about class grouping for the new year.

All in all, we are very much looking forward to establishing our first contact with new Preppies and their families. This is always an exciting time of the year and we trust that your initial experience at school will be positive and filled with the promise of good times ahead!

NAIDOC

Please keep Thursday 18 September highlighted on your calendar for our annual NAIDOC celebrations. My sincere thanks go to Michelle Lowe, Debbie Norford and Lorna Savage for their work in planning and organizing this event which is always a popular one on the school calendar. This year, we have a record number of parents who will be participating in the day showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture. We are also very fortunate to have the dancers from Kirwan State High School who will be providing demonstrations and workshops throughout the day. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The day commences with a whole school assembly at 9:00am.

IRON AND CLAY

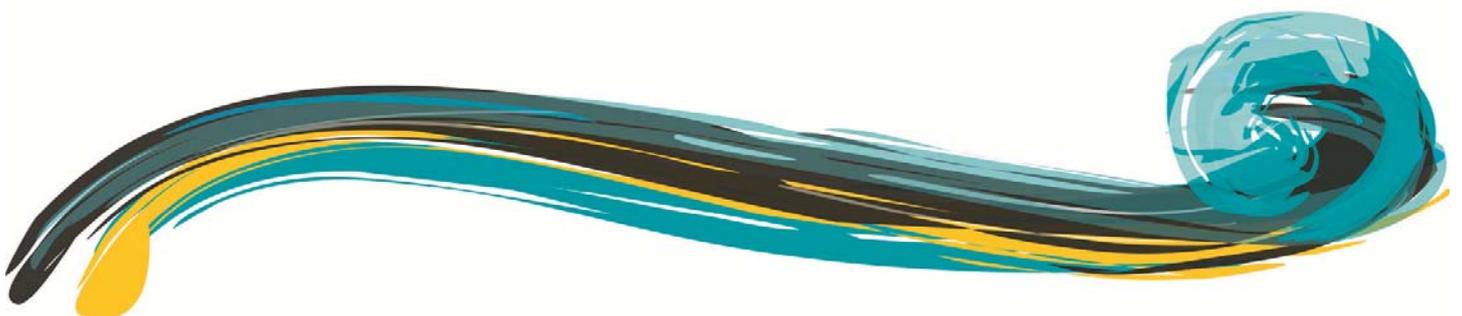
On Monday, 8 September, we will play host to the very popular band, Iron and Clay, one of Australia's most sought after motivational performing bands. IRON & CLAY teams have been performing across Australia for over 21 years! I&C offer a unique opportunity that will benefit every student who has the chance to hear these very talented and gifted young people.

Iron and Clay will perform a whole school concert and then deliver a workshop for our instrumental music students. I look forward to the creative journey.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

PARTNERSHIPS

Developing strong partnerships between students, teachers and parent/guardians is vital in making sure we get the best out of each and every student. I encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher during the scheduled parent/teacher meetings in Weeks 9 and 10. Ask questions about your child's learning, see evidence of strengths and weakness and work with your child's teacher to develop strategies you can use at home to strengthen your child's learning and progress. Our online booking system is now open. 1E, 3D and 4C have alternate arrangements in place.

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

To book a session with your child/ren's teacher please use the following steps:

1. Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/.
2. Enter the code DF3W7.
3. Enter your name and email address.
4. Select suitable times for your interview/s.
5. Check your inbox (or junk mail) for your confirmation email.
6. Bookings need to be made at least 2 days prior to your chosen interview time.

If for any reason you are unable to make your appointment, please phone the school on 4799.1888, so that we can let your child's teacher know.

From the Deputy Principal – Trish McEvey

PROVIDING A BALANCED READING PROGRAM

Over the last couple of weeks I have outlined the importance of a balanced reading program and provided a snapshot of what Modelled Reading and Shared Reading is and why teachers would use these as instructional approaches. This week I will focus on Guided Reading.

GUIDED READING – What is it?

Guided reading is a focused small-group teaching episode that enables the teacher to provide strategic and explicit instruction in decoding, making meaning and thinking critically. Students with similar needs are grouped together according to the purpose of the lesson. The teacher selects a text that exemplifies the specific content and/or language features required for the lesson focus. Each student has a copy of the text. Guided reading is **NOT** sitting around in a circle reading a book. It is **focused** on particular aspects and/or meanings in the text. For example, a lesson focus might be how the author has used particular language features to construct a character, or how an author has used particular persuasive devices to encourage the reader to take action. Students are given multiple opportunities to explore meanings and articulate their understandings.

THE TEACHER

- ✓ Selects an appropriate text.
- ✓ Introduces the text.
- ✓ Discusses the purpose of the text.
- ✓ Makes links to prior learning.
- ✓ Explicitly states the purpose of the lesson.
- ✓ Guides the students to focus on aspects of the text that address the lesson focus.
- ✓ Listens to student responses, observes and records student abilities to interpret, infer, etc.

THE STUDENTS

- ✓ Read all or parts of the text silently.
- ✓ Explore meanings in the text.
- ✓ Respond to guiding questions.
- ✓ Have an opportunity to articulate understandings.
- ✓ Develop reading strategies.
- ✓ Build vocabulary.
- ✓ Understand language in context.
- ✓ Develop understandings of literal and inferential meanings.
- ✓ Hear how others problem solve during reading.

Next week I will outline Independent Reading as part of a balanced reading program.

Trish McEvey – Acting Deputy Principal

Prep Enrolments - 2015

Enrolment paperwork is available for collection from the office at which time an interview for you and your Prep child will be arranged.

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	Blake Vickery	3C	Jayde McGlynn
PrepB	Eaden Currey	3D	Kaeleigh Boyce
PrepC	Charlie White	3E	George Ling
PrepD	Jayden Newsome	3E	Kiara Whent
PrepE	Ryan Pitt	4A	Hanna Saliu
PrepF/1F	Maddison Hovasapian	4A	EJ Ober
1A	Lara McGlynn	4B	Lachlan Whent
1B	Summar Parker	4C	Tahnee Marshall
1C	Siena Tabacchi	5A	Lilly Brittain
1D	Jiana Bruhn	5A	Cody McCall
1E	Piamari Nawara	5B	Imogen Goldsworthy
1E	Uriel Tucker	5B	Hayley Maskell
2A	Rawiri Roberts	5C	Jordan Smiley
2A	Adelaide Steele	5C	Georgia Tickle
2B	Jayden Parker	6A	Brianna Bingham
2B	Jue'iz Iva-Julian	6B	Grace Eustace
2C	Cooper Hovasapian	6C	Riley Hielscher-Green
2D	Jackson Hammelswang	6C	Ethan Taylor
2E	Leilani Tanna	6E/7C	Sasha Smith
2E	Andrew Jenner	6E/7C	Kae Young
3B	Hunter Bogdanek	7B	Dean Paterson
3C	Emily Young		

PE News

NQ ATHLETICS TEAM

Congratulations to Holly Doran (100m, 200m, Relay teams), Tyler Cope (200m) and Ashtyn Lott (Long Jump) who have been selected in the schools Northern Athletics Team, who will travel to Brisbane in October to compete against all other regions. Holly finished first in all her events, Ashtyn finished first in Long Jump and Tyler third in the 200m final. This is the 3rd year in a row Holly has made this team. We wish them all luck!!

GARBUTT MAGPIES AFL CUP

Congratulations to all our boys who participated in the first Garbutt Magpies AFL Cup last Friday. We ended up officially finishing 4th on a count back, however technically we were equal second with 2 other schools.

Our results were one loss and two wins:

Loss against Heatley in game 1, 12 – 18, Win against Rassmussen game 2, 26-6 and a win against Charters Towers in game 3, 27 – 6. There were no finals, however Heatley were undefeated in the cup so they were the champions this year. The boys who represented the school were lucky enough to be given a Sherrin footy from Collingwood AFL club and a Garbutt Magpies polo shirt. Leon Stubbs was the organiser and ran a very successful carnival.

The Elders from the Garbutt Magpies community came and visited our team at school and spoke to them about how important it is to be respectful and part of a strong community as they are growing from boys to men. The boys in the team were Cody Henning, Trent Austin, Keanau Nant, Tyler Caris, George Jones, Caleb Mario, John Nawara, Locke Pelling, David Crotty, Chris Reid (Cpt), Kyle Stout, Marcus Cowan, Jay Sepon, Isaac Trueman, Tylor Winnett, Byron Austin, Heath Jones and Hayden Reid. All players played to the best of their ability with a few stand-out performances from John Nawara, Marcus Cowan and Chris Reid.



See the AFL Townsville facebook site for some more pictures or www.garbuttmagpies.com.au/gallery.

Yours in sport...

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Music News

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING

Students are still able to sign up for instrumental lessons for next year.

- Students currently in **Year 2** can sign up for **Stringed instruments** only.
- Students currently in **Year 3 and 4** are eligible to sign up for **Brass and Woodwind instruments**, and **Percussion instruments**.



There are a limited amount of places still available. Please bring your enrolment form back to Mr Curro in the Music Block.

Thomas Curro – Music Teacher

Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015

21 July-----2015 Prep Bookings Opened
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)

Uniform Free Day This Friday!

There is a Uniform Free Day this Friday 5/9/14 - gold coin donation. This money will be used to buy items that are required by classes to run their stalls at the fete.

Kirwan eepers



01-5 September Father's Day Stall
01-19 SeptemberPrep Interviews with Admin
05 September Uniform Free Day
08 September Whole School Concert
08-19 SeptemberParent/Teacher Interviews
09 SeptemberDefence Parents Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
11 September Term 3 Student Council Disco
16 September P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
18 September NAIDOC Celebrations Day
19 September Last day of Term 3
27 October First day of Term 4
24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
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Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day Stall is open every day this week before school and at first break. Teachers will also be taking their classes at allocated times. Gifts range in price from \$2.00 - \$5.00.

P&C Pieces

- Our **next general meeting** is on **Tuesday 16 September** in the staffroom. See you all there.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Weekly Road Safety Tip #3

Driver Distraction – When driving in the car, talk to your child about behaviour that affects your concentration when you are driving. Praise them when they have been well behaved and considerate as a passenger.



Constable Cortez, Adopt-A-Cop, Kirwan Police Station

Chaplain's Fete Stall – "Killer Python Stretch" -

Donations

I am planning to have a Chappy stall at the Kirwan Fete next term. In order to successfully run my stall, I require a lot of the "large Killer Python" lolly snakes. It would be really wonderful if I could have lots of families donate the Pythons for my stall. Please leave your python donations with Kim at the tuckshop. Thanks everyone!



Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain

Student Council Disco – Thursday 11 September

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

\$5 tickets will go on sale for the disco on Wednesday 03 September and are available from Mrs Taylor's room – H Block. **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. **Prep to Year 3 students must be collected at 6:00pm and students from Years 4-7 must be collected at 8:30pm.** No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.



Defence News

Hi everyone... Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 09 September at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- **CHOCOLATES AND MONEY** are **now overdue**. Please return all money and unsold chocolates ASAP.

Fete - 24 October 2014

- There are only **7 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.
- **DODGERS** have gone home with every student to sell. Please return all tickets and money to the P&C box in the office by 10 October. Unsold dodgers also need to be returned and placed in the P&C box.
- **RIDES WRISTBANDS** will be **ON SALE** every Thursday only from 8:15am – 9:00am in the shed. Pre-sale wristbands are \$30.00 each and gives your child unlimited rides at the fete.
- **OUTSIDE STALLS** – Would you like to have your own market stall at our fete? For more information please email pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.
- **SHOWBAGS** – An order form has been sent home for pre-ordering showbags. A selection of showbags can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$8.00 each prior to the fete for collection at the fete. Showbags will be available for purchase at the fete for \$10.00 each. Please place orders in the P&C box in the office.
- **DONATIONS REQUIRED** – the following items are required to help make our stalls a success.
 - Packs of serviettes and paper plates
 - Tattoos
 - Brown paper bags
 - Clear cellophane
 - Bags of balloons
 - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)
 - 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 **NQ Exercise Physiology** for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.



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Tuckshop Talk

Sep 03 Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Fiona
Sep 04 Leah, Emma (½ day), Jo
Sep 05 Belinda, Summer
Sep 08 **HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**
Sep 09 Jenni

- There are no **PLAYWATERS, FROZEN YOGHURTS** or **SLUSHIES** until further notice.
- Tuckshop lunch bags are 10c.
- Please check you have a current 2014 menu.

