



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

STAFF NEWS

I have been informed that Mr John Kratzmann will be returning to the role of Deputy Principal at Kirwan State School for 2015. Mr K is very keen to get back to Kirwan having been instrumental in assisting the Vincent School Community so ably this year. Mrs Grace Hodges has been successful in her application for the role of MASTER Teacher at Kirwan State School for the next 3 years. This position will be integral to our school improvement agenda over the next 3 years and I am looking forward to working with Mrs Hodges to boost our literacy across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Trish McEvey and Mrs Carolyn Chilcott who have stepped up to Acting Deputy and Acting Head of Curriculum respectively. They have both proven themselves to be flexible and invaluable to the school in a variety of roles.

There are some farewells this year. Goodbye to the following staff:

- Mrs Stacey Steffen
- Mrs Rebekah Lorenz
- Mrs Kim Alger
- Mrs Jodie Wright
- Mr Thomas Curro

Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of Kirwan State School students. I wish you well in your future endeavours for students everywhere.

AWARDS 3 – 5

By now, if your child is to receive an award at this ceremony to be held in the hall next Monday 8th December at 2 pm sharp, then you would have received a letter in the post. SHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH..... Please don't let the cat out of the bag. The delight on children's faces when they realize Mum/Dad/Nana/Pop are present for a special reason is an absolute joy!! Let's keep the magic until the last minute.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015

Last Friday, the administration and teaching staff were treated to a feast of speeches and some excellent leadership potential on display. The ballot has not yet been finalized for our leaders next year. If your child has received a leadership position for 2015, please note the following:

- Leaders for 2015 will be announced towards the end of the 6/7 Graduation ceremony on Wednesday 10 December (around 10.45am).
- I will personally call all parents to let them know if their child has received a position. PLEASE KEEP IT A SECRET!! As hard as that might be given the element of "proud parents" please don't spoil the surprise.

PARADES NEXT WEEK

As there are a number of school get-togethers next week including:

- 3 – 5 Awards Monday 2:00pm;
- School Christmas Carols Monday evening;
- Year 6/7 Graduation Wednesday 9:00am and in the evening also; and
- Whole School Farewell Assembly Friday 12th at 2:45pm;

then there will be NO SET PARADES IN THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

As this week is the last week of Junior and Senior Parades, I will be reminding all students about safety during the holidays.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

The success of a child's education is very much a team effort and when parents and schools work together to support a child's development the outcomes are positive. It can be difficult at this time of year to maintain strong levels of appropriate behaviour for some students because they can almost 'smell' the approaching holidays and they can begin to push boundaries. With parent support, we can ensure that our students stay focused and maximize their learning opportunities right up until the end of term.

At this stage of the year, students are very familiar with school and classroom expectations as teachers begin work with students to prepare them for a smooth transition into a higher year level. You can assist your children with this transition process by:

- Talking with your child about how they have progressed towards achieving their learning goals.
- Providing children with additional responsibilities around the house.
- Expecting children to show greater independence in terms of morning organisation and routines.
- Ensuring that students are here on time every day to make the most of these precious last few days of learning.

The success of your child's education is a team effort and your child's teacher will thank you for supporting them for the remainder of the term.

CAROLS

Next Monday 8 December, weather permitting, we will be holding our Carols evening. This will involve performances from year level groups, and singing along with the Thuringowa Brass Band. So warm up your voices and bring the family for a festive singalong.



Tony Woodhouse - Deputy Principal

New School Payment Area – Cash Window 2015

**As of Tuesday 27 January 2015 (Week 1)
all monies will be paid via a cash window.
There will be a sign in place.**

**This is for all transactions including
cash, EFTPOS & Debit Cards.**

**This cash window will be OPEN
for all payment transactions between
8:00AM AND 9:00AM DAILY ONLY.**

NO MONIES will be taken outside these hours
or at the front office. There will be a sign in place.

The money box will still be available for those people unable to pay during our new cash hours. There will be a money box slot located near the new cash window.

HOURS OF CASH WINDOW FOR 2015 – 8:00am to 9:00am DAILY.

Adopt-A-Cowboy Visit

Lights, camera, action! It was all systems go last Tuesday when our Adopt-a-Cowboy, Johnathan Thurston came to school. In a flurry of flashes and interviews Johnathan congratulated our own School Vice-Captain, Marcus Cowan with his first place prizes for being the successful artist/designer in their annual Christmas Card Competition. Thank you to the NQ Cowboys and Stockland for your generosity. From the library it was straight to the oval as Johnathan donned his cycling helmet and spoke along with a representative for our Adopt-a-Cop, Matt, to some of our students about safety on our streets especially over the upcoming school break. Both these segments made the local news and Townsville Bulletin. How lucky are we? Then it was back to the library to visit our Year 6 and 7 Indigenous students to have an upfront and honest discussion about choices and career paths in High School. Needless to say it was a very busy hour. I would like to take this opportunity to thank JT on being our Adopt-a-Cowboy for the past ten years and making every visit to Kirwan Primary a memorable one.



Diane Newman – Adopt-a-Cowboy Co-ordinator

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	Kobi Ferguson	2E	Leilani Tanna
PrepA	Lorenzo Gee'Hoy	3A	Jesi Holderness
PrepB	Ethan Thomas	3B	Abbie-Rose Williams
PrepB	Connor Jackson	3B	Brayden Tudhope
PrepB	Marley Andlaw	3C	Rebecca Ellis
PrepC	Ella Firth	3D	Jezzal Jawai
PrepD	Leeroy Ahuriri	3D	Clayton Davison
PrepD	Zane Dempsey	3E	Sophie Everett
PrepE	Brodie Cains	3E	Rachel Browning
PrepE	Jacksen Goldsworthy	4A	Gerogina Watt
PrepF/1F	Chloe Anderson	4A	Dakota Verhaaf
1A	Messiah Jullian-Iva	4B	Ameya Ransom
1A	Dominic Anderson	4B	Neka Kendall
1B	Brodie Ernst	4C	Juliarna Saltner
1C	Ky Brennan	4D	Lilijana Baker-Plant
1C	Kaileigh Buckley	4D	Trae Chong
1C	Thomas Bishop	5C	Jazmin Corbet
1D	Xaviah Simonsen	5C	Danyon McDougall
1D	Kayden Allman	5D	Victoria Aaron
1E	Sophia Taylor	6B	Deisha Tapaaitau
1E	Lane-James Hoffman	6C	Riley Beckett
2A	Dane Ransom	6C	Korteeka Toth
2A	Brodie Streeter	6D	Brooke Stanek
2B	Ethan Johnson-Briggs	6D	Aiden Simkin
2B	Jade McGrath	6E/7C	Taneesha McDonald
2B	Riley Piggott	6E/7C	Connor Anderson
2B	Beau Reynolds	7B	David Crotty
2C	Ika Ryan	7B	Darian Murdock
2D	Roi Aaron	7B	Marcus Cowan
2D	Caitlin Pickens	7B	Locke Pelling
2E	Isabella Gibson		

Year 6 & 7 Graduation Ceremony

9:00am Wednesday

10 December 2014

Multi-Purpose Hall

Dress: Year 7s Senior Shirt

Dress: Year 6s School Shirt

Summer Reading Club



GET READY TO EXPLORE FORGOTTEN WORLDS, DODGE DANGER, OUTWIT CRAFTY VILLAINS AND WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES ALONG THE WAY WITH THE SUMMER READING CLUB.

READ AND BE REWARDED

Read 5 books and claim a FREE book for your own personal library at home.

For every 5 books after that, up to 20 books, collect a prize from your local CityLibraries' Townsville branch. Read a maximum of 25 books and be rewarded with a piece of bountiful booty at the Summer Reading Club Finale. Your reading log must be finalised by 5pm Wednesday 28 January, 2015. There will be a major prize draw for each age group at the Summer Reading Club Finale.

RECORD YOUR READING

Visit CityLibraries' Townsville's webpage

www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities/libraries and click the **Summer Reading Club** button.

- ✓ Click the 'register or login here' button.
- ✓ Log into your Summer Reading Club home page by entering your Username and Password, then click the 'Login'.
- ✓ Remember to write down your Username and Password.
- ✓ Click the 'Add/View log' button.
- ✓ Record the title, author and your rating. If you would like to add a review, enter your comments here. Each week the three best reviews will win a FABULOUS prize.
- ✓ Click the 'Save' button.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Love Andy Griffiths? Come to Aitkenvale Library on Saturday 6 December, 2014 from 10:30am and laugh till you fall over. Stig Wemyss, the voice of Andy Griffiths' audiobooks will tell heaps of Andy's hilarious stories and give away lots of amazing prizes.

To see what other awesome adventures are happening in Townsville over the summer school holidays, download a copy of the Summer Hot Pocket at www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

For more fabulous fun, perplexing puzzles and remarkable rewards check out the State Library of Queensland's Summer Reading Club website www.summerreadingclub.org.au.

Kirwan eepers



04 December.. Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
 08 December..... Prep Come and Try Day - 9:15-10:50am
 08 December..... Whole School Transition Day
 08 December.....Year 3/4/5 Awards Ceremony
 08 December.....Kirwan Christmas Concert
 09 December..... Volunteer Morning Tea
 09 December..... Christmas Services
 10 December..... Year 6/7 Graduation
 10 December..... Report Cards issued
 10 December..... Year 6/7 Dinner Dance
 11 December..... Rock, Pop, Mime – 9:00am
 12 December..... Last day of Term 4
 27 January 2015.....First day of Term 1 2015

P&C Pieces

- **Kirwan Christmas Concert** – We require some volunteers to help sell drinks, sausages, etc. If you can spare an hour please come along on the night.
- **Uniform Shop** - the last day for this year for the second hand uniform shop is Wednesday 3/12/14 from 8:15am – 8:45am. Don't forget if you are leaving Kirwan to donate your uniforms to the uniform shop. Reversible school hats in house colours are also available for \$12.00 each.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

Dec 03 Fiona, Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
 Dec 04 Leah, Leanne
 Dec 05 Jo, Belinda
 Dec 08 Brett, Leanne, Helen
 Dec 09 Jenny

▪ Tuckshop will be closed from Wednesday 10 December for the rest of the year. Have a great holiday. See you all next year. A big thank you to all the tuckshop volunteers. Love your work.

Kirwan Christmas Concert

The P&C is offering the following food at the Christmas Concert.

- ❖ **FAMILY MEAL DEAL**
 - ✓ 4 x sausage on bread
 - ✓ 2 x cans soft drink
 - ✓ 2 x poppers
 - ✓ 2 x premium ice-creams
 - ✓ 2 x standard ice-creams**ALL FOR ONLY \$20.00**

- ❖ **ADULT MEAL DEAL**
 - ✓ 1 x sausage on bread
 - ✓ 1 x can soft drink
 - ✓ 1 x premium ice-cream**ALL FOR ONLY \$7.00**

- ❖ **CHILDRENS MEAL DEAL**
 - ✓ 1 x sausage on bread
 - ✓ 1 x popper
 - ✓ 1 x standard ice-cream**ALL FOR ONLY \$4.00**

- ❖ **INDIVIDUAL PRICE LIST**
 - ✓ Sausage on bread ----- \$2.00
 - ✓ Softdrink & Water ----- \$2.00
 - ✓ Poppers ----- \$1.50
 - ✓ Chips ----- \$1.50
 - ✓ Premium Ice-creams (Drumsticks, Connoisseurs, Milo Cups, Maxi Bons) \$4.00
 - ✓ Standard Ice-creams (Lemonade icy pole and Fandangles) ----- \$1.50

2015 Musical – The Little Mermaid

The 2015 Musical will be *The Little Mermaid*. Auditions for lead roles will be held in the music room at 1st and 2nd breaks Wednesday Week 1 Term 1 2015 for students from Years 3-6.

Christmas Services

Christmas Services for the school will be held in the Multipurpose Hall on Tuesday 09 December.

Prep, Years 1 and 2..... 11:35am – 12:05pm
Years 6 and 7..... 12:10pm – 12:40pm
Years 3, 4 and 5..... 12:45pm – 1:15pm

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as we celebrate the Christmas Season together.

Anne Dodd – RE Co-ordinator

Christmas Concert

**Monday 8 December 2014
 6:00pm on the Oval**

- Year Group Performances
 - Concert Band ▪ Thuringowa Brass Band
- Everyone welcome! See you there!**



Update of Confidential Student Information



In an endeavour to keep students' contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards will be sent home with your children in the very near future in an envelope personally addressed to you as carer of your child, and marked 'private and confidential'. We would appreciate your help in checking the information thoroughly and updating any details that are incorrect, including

parent address and phone details, emergency contact information, legal and/or custody details and medical information. Once complete, please return your child's form in the 'private and confidential' envelope to the school office for attention. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our school office staff if you have any questions or concerns at all.

Year Six and Seven Parent Committee

- The next Year 6/7 Parent Committee meeting is on Thursday 04 December at 2:00pm in the staffroom.
- Parent contact information letters were sent home last week. These need to be returned ASAP. All students will need to be signed in and out of the dinner dance. If your child has any dietary requirements please advise Kim in the Tuckshop ASAP.

Children Returning Late in 2015

If your child/ren is/are not returning on Day One 2015 (27 January), please advise the school office of details and expected return date. Advising of your late return ensures a place is reserved for your child/ren.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal – Last Week



Please support the Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal by donating non-perishable food items that go directly to locals in need. Items can be dropped into the "RED Donation Bin" located outside the administration building. Below is a guide on what items to donate.

ACCEPTED: Tinned food, soups, biscuits, pasta, noodles, bottled sauces, Christmas items (lollies, pudding etc.), small gift items.

With only 3 weeks left of school, let's see if we can fill the "RED BIN".

Jodie Flynn – 3E Teacher

Term and 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

2015 Prep Year Reminder



**Monday 08 December
 Transition Day
 9:15am – 10:50am**

Transfer Notice

Yes, our family will be transferring from Kirwan Primary at the end of the school year.

Name _____ Class _____

His/Her/Their last day at Kirwan Primary will be: _____

We will be transferring to (name of school/town): _____