31 March 2015

From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

STAFF NEWS
Next term I have been offered the opportunity to work in the North Queensland Regional Office as a Principal Advisor. This position is for the duration of Term 2 only.

One of the hallmarks of Kirwan State School is the depth of the “batting team.” I would not consider a position outside the school if I was not confident of the team who stands with me. I am therefore very confident that Mr John Kranzmann will provide exemplary leadership as the Acting Principal in my absence.

I am in the process of filling Mr K’s Deputy role. When I have completed this process I will let you know as soon as practicable. I look forward to returning to Kirwan in Term 3 and to sharing our successful outcomes in Term 2 also.

GALA DAYS
Best wishes to Mr K’s Rugby League boys and Mrs Hodges’ Netball girls as they participate in their gala days competing against other Primary schools in the Townsville Region this Thursday. I look forward to good sport and good sportsmanship from all. My sincere thanks to those staff members for their hard work in training teams to a competitive level.

HOLIDAYS
Hard to believe that we are at the end of first term. As you enjoy the rest and relaxation of the Easter vacation, please remember to keep an eye on our school and report suspicious behaviour to School Watch on 131.788

School Watch
YOU CAN HELP!
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security
LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT •
Phone 13 17 88

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIPS

Our parent teacher interview site (www.schoolinterviews.com.au) is now open. To book an appointment:
2. Enter the code CT77V.
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 close on Thursday 23 April.

I strongly urge all parents/carers to make use of this opportunity to speak and share information with your child’s teacher. Teachers will discuss with parents, current student progress and goals, some of the barriers to learning, student conduct, and other issues that impact on student learning. This interview will avoid the “surprise element” when the first semester reports are distributed.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UPDATE

This term I have published several articles about school attendance and being on time. Our attendance rate for term one 2015 is currently 94.4% which is a 2% improvement on this time last year.

For more information about being at school every day, please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

To all of our Kirwan community, have a safe and relaxing break and we all look forward to seeing you at the start of term 2.

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 Chloé Bradol
PrepB Minh Pham
PrepD Adam Nona
PrepE Jaeda Flores
1A Ella Firth
1B Elijah Tanner
1C Alani Spence
1C1 Lathan King
1D Joyden Newsome
1E Ithara Higga
2A Sienna Lloyd-Jones
2B Alissa Taylor
2C Travis Church
2C Paula Doherty
2D Blake Carson
2E Samantha Channell
2E Amadie Walker
2F Morgan Cupo
3A Keely Laffin
3B Weston Salsbury
3B Ika Ryan
3C Zavier Dotta
3C Shelby Sellen
3E Jasmin Kennedy

School Photos - 27/28 April

Last week we sent home the class photo envelopes. Please see below about how to order photos.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

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Please note: This site will only accept orders on school 27/28 April. Photo orders close 48 hours before the first school photo day; however the photos can be purchased on at an increased price until photo day.

Other payment methods are as follows.

- Cash – Please enclose the correct money as no change is available.
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- Complete bank name and cheque number on the order envelope.
- Write your name and address on the back of the cheque.
- Sibling Photograph order envelopes are available from the front office.
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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- 3C and 3D boys
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If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Karen Finnigan.

Extra forms are available from the office.

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Defence News
Hi everyone! We would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Easter and a fantastic break. We will see you all next term. May the Easter Bunny be kind to you all!

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

P&C Pieces
- Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 April in the Staffroom. All new members are welcome.
- We would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all committee members who assisted with our Pizza sale at the Disco last Thursday night. This was really appreciated – as they say many hands make light work and it was once again a great success.
- The P&C wish all students and their families a very Safe & Happy Easter – we can’t wait to work with you again in Term 2.

Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary

Advertising in the Musical Program

Do you own a business? Are you looking for new ways to advertise?
Would you like to support Kirwan State School's Musical?
Then why not advertise in our musical program!

This year Kirwan State School is staging a musical performance of The Little Mermaid at the Civic Theatre on 23 and 24 June. As in previous years we are producing a good quality glossy program to be sold on the night. We are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise in this program.

Pricing for an advertisement in our program is as follows:

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If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please email nhamp3@eq.edu.au with your advertisement attached. We will then invoice you for your ad.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Natasha Hampton (on behalf of the Musical Committee)

Sewers Needed for the Musical

Help is desperately needed to sew costumes for our Musical. The sewing required is neither too involved nor too time consuming, so if you are able to sew in a straight line we have a job for you! Please phone Tracey Rogers on 0427.724.756 if you would like to lend a hand. It would be hugely appreciated.

HPE News

Congratulations to the following students for making Thuringowa teams over the last few weeks:
- Luca Yates (basketball)
- Harley Taylor (rugby league)
- Lachlan McCulloch & Tahnee Marshall (hockey)

Congratulations to our school swimming team who finished 4th in the ‘C’ Schools division. The following students placed in the top 3 in their races. A great achievement by everyone!

8 year old boys
Div 1 Dane Bates 1st; Div 2 Diesel Taylor 1st

9 year old girls
Div 1 Elise Smith 2nd

10 year girls
Div 5 Te-hani Simmons 3rd

11 year boys
Div 1 Hayden Reid 3rd; Div 2 Jack Murdock 3rd; Div 3 Luke Bolton 1st; Div 4 Isaac Trueman 3rd; Div 5 Tylor Winnenett 3rd

Relay Team: Hayden, Jack, Luke and Isaac finished 1st overall!!

11 year girls
Div 4 Ella Shephard 1st; Div 5 Apryl Nosed 1st; Div 6 Sammi Smart 2nd

12 year boys
Div 1 Harley Taylor 2nd; Div 4 Tyler Boyce 3rd

Certificates were only awarded by TPSS for Div 1 places. These have been given out this week at assembly. Congratulations kids!

Yours in Sport

Mrs Talbot

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Uniform Shop

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