



KIRNEWS

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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 Kratzmann 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



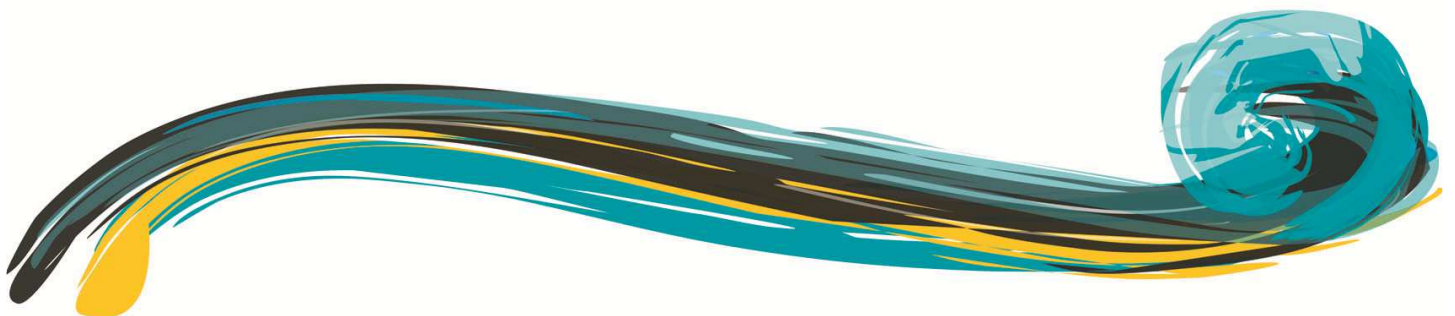
School Watch

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:

1. Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ (*bookings now open*).
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. Remember if your child is absent to send in a note, email the school or let your child's class teacher know.

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	Chloe Bradd	3F/4E	Isra Tschirpig
PrepB	Minh Pham	3F/4E	Daisy Tree
PrepD	Adam Nona	4A	Kiara Whent
PrepE	Jaeda Flores	4A	Keely Blackford
1A	Ella Firth	4B	Jai Clark
1B	Elijah Tanner	4B	Peter Jones
1C	Alani Spence	4C	Jazz Whitehouse
1C	Lathan King	4D	Logan Wagstaff
1D	Jayden Newsome	4D	Alice Edgerton
1E	Ithara Higgoda	5A	Melissa Fraser
2A	Sienna Lloyd-Jones	5B	Andrea Scarfidi
2B	Alicia Taylor	5B	Logan Quirke
2C	Travis Church	5B	Chinsia Burns
2C	Paula Doherty	5B	Kayla Walker
2D	Blake Carson	5B	Braiden Driscoll
2E	Samantha Channell	5C	Jemma Auhl
2E	Amalie Walker	5C	Ella Shepherd
2F	Morgan Cupo	5D	Ashtyn Lott
3A	Keely Laffin	6B	Declan Brennan
3B	Weston Salisbury	6B	Emily Funk
3B	Ika Ryan	6B	Shonté Steven
3C	Zavier Dotta	6B	Izach Jorgensen-King
3C	Shelby Sellen	6C	Michael Costello
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 4 Easy Steps to Online School Photos Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code **33W 81D T2P**

Step 2: Enter your student's details.

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection.)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note: LATE FEES will apply once orders are closed. Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the first school photo day however they can be purchased with an envelope up until photo day.

Other payment methods are as follows.

- Cash – Please enclose the correct money as no change is available. Envelopes are handed to the photographers directly.
- Cheques/Money Orders – Make payable to Advancedlife. 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. Sibling photographs are only for children enrolled at the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE:

MONDAY 27 APRIL		TUESDAY 28 APRIL	
9:00	3A		
9:15	2E	9:00	Year 6 Group
9:30	3F/4E	9:20	Prep C
9:45	1C	9:40	Prep E
10:00	1A	10:00	Prep A
10:15	1D	10:20	Prep B
10:30	Prep D	10:40	3E
10:50	BREAK	10:50	BREAK
11:30	5B	11:30	2F
11:45	2C	11:45	3B
12:00	2D	12:00	5D
12:15	2A	12:15	2B
12:30	3D	12:30	4A
12:45	3C	12:45	4B
1:00	4D	1:00	5C
1:15	4C	1:15	6D
1:30	BREAK	1:30	BREAK
2:05	1E	2:05	6B
2:20	1B	2:20	6C
2:35	5A	2:35	6A

PLEASE NOTE: THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE – THEY MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOS.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

Fun Run 2015

Our annual Fun Run will be held this year on Friday 24 April (first week back after the Easter vacation). Please note the following:

- All students will need their hats, shoes and coloured house shirts.
- **Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow**
- At the end of each race, all students will receive an icy pole.
- Students who are 10-12 years old will be running for selection in the school Cross Country team.
- There will be no fundraising involved with this year's Fun Run.

The program for the day is as follows.

Morning races begin at 9:20am ...

- 3C and 3D boys
- 3C and 3D girls
- 9 year boys (Year 4 only)
- 9 year girls (Year 4 only)
- 10 year boys (Year 4 and 5)
- 10 year girls (Year 4 and 5)
- 11 year boys (Year 5 and 6)
- 11 year girls (Year 5 and 6)
- 12 year boys (Year 6 only)
- 12 year girls (Year 6 only)

Races after first break begin at 11:30am

- Prep boys
- Prep girls
- Year 1 boys
- Year 1 girls
- Year 2 boys
- Year 2 girls
- Year 3A, B, E, F boys and Year 4 boys (8 years old)
- Year 3A, B, E and F girls and Year 4 girls (8 years old)

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher



Kirwan Keepers



02 April	.....	Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
02 April	.....	Last Day of Term 1
20 April	.....	First Day of Term 2
21 April	.....	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
22 April	.....	ANZAC Services – 10:00am in the Shed
24 April	.....	Fun Run
27/28 April	.....	School Photos
17 June	.....	Athletics Day
23 & 24 June	.....	School Musical "The Little Mermaid"
26 June	.....	Last Day of Term 2
13 July	.....	First Day of Term 3
17 July	.....	Champions Day
14 August	.....	Interscholar Athletics (Red Track)

Student Resource Scheme - \$40 per student

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by the end of Term 1.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Karen Finnigan. Extra forms are available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

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

Tuckshop Talk

Apr 01 Carol, Michelle
Apr 02 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
Apr 03 **Good Friday Public Holiday**

▪ **THERE ARE NO SLUSHIES!**

Update of Confidential Student Information



In an endeavour to keep students' contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards have recently been sent home with your children 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.

Religious Instruction

Our policy for the delivery of Religious Instruction has changed slightly this year.

If you DO NOT wish for your child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction, please complete and return the slip below via the BSM's payment slot.

If we do not receive correspondence from you opting out of Religious Instruction then we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in the lessons. There is no charge for your child/ren's inclusion in Religious Instruction.

Parents are welcome to withdraw their child/ren from Religious Instruction at any time by emailing the school on admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.

Children who do not participate in Religious Instruction are supervised to complete school work by a teacher in a separate area of the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance.



Religious Instruction Non-Participation Advice

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

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I do not wish for my child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

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:

SIZE	PRICE
9cm x 5cm	\$50
19cm x 10cm	\$100

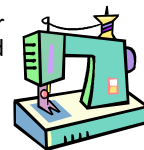
If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please email nhamp3@eq.edu.au with your advertisement attached. We will then invoice you for your ad.

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 Winnett 3rd

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

11 year girls

Div 4 Ella Shephard 1st; Div 5 Apryl Nosedo 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

The Uniform Shop is OPEN every Wednesday from 8:15am-8:45am in H Block selling second-hand uniforms. We are in need of more second-hand uniforms so if you have some spare, please consider donating them to the school. Please be advised that we are unable to swap uniforms or sell uniforms on your behalf.

SCHOOL JUMPERS – We are once again taking orders for our school jumpers. Forms have been distributed. All order forms and payments are to be returned to the new cash window by **Friday 24 April** in an envelope marked "School Jumpers P&C". Cash or cheque payments only will be accepted. Please note our order can only be placed once a minimum of 150 orders has been received. Cost is \$40.

HATS – The uniform shop is selling new reversible hats in the four house colours for \$12 each.

The Student Resource Scheme needs to be paid to the school in full by this Thursday 02 April 2015.

