



KIRNEWS

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From the Acting Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our School has had a wonderful start to the 2015 school year. This is due to the hard work of yourselves, your families and all staff (in their varying roles) here at Kirwan.

Education is a Partnership. This is very true. The start of a school year is an equally exciting time for school staff, students, parents, carers and families alike. In order for our school to operate smoothly and for students to engage with their learning we all need to grow these partnerships. Below are a few important safety topics for conversation to refresh your memories and discuss with your child/ren.

Pick Up and Drop Off's – please adhere to road rules. The front of school area is a busy place and we must do our best to set a good example for our kids. The safety of our students is paramount. Please use the supervised crossings. Please do not park illegally in the streets surrounding the school. I know the police will be checking on our behaviour.

Meet and Greet Area – Before 8:30 students and parents are asked to wait in the meet and greet area in the shed. Teachers on duty will signal when it is time to move to classrooms and prepare for a busy day. This is not a playtime. It is a quiet sit down time.

Bicycles – please wheel into and out of the school (for safety reasons).

Admin Cul De Sac – please walk around and not through the Admin cul de sac in the mornings and afternoons. We have buses and work vehicles that enter here. We expect all parents and students to use the paths.

Your help in working together to make Kirwan a safe and supportive school is appreciated.

GROWING CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

When your child comes home from school try asking questions like, "What happened today that made you smile?" "Tell me about something you did at school today?" "What are you learning about in English?" "What did you write about today?" When you are talking with your children about school be supportive, encouraging and positive about the things they say. Try your best to focus on the positives. In time, they will say more and more and you will know more and more about their lives at school.

PARENT/TEACHER INQUIRY CYCLES

These will take the place of the traditional parent/teacher meet and greets at the start of the school year. They will happen during weeks 4 and 5 of this term. These innovative parent/teacher discussions (held as a whole class session in classrooms) will give you a greater insight into the standards of writing we are aiming for in each year level, the criteria teachers will use to provide feedback to your students on their writing and empower you with some strategies to help your child become a better writer. As I have said before, education is very much a partnership between home and school. I challenge all parents to attend these Inquiry sessions.

A VERY SIMPLE QUOTE

I will leave you with a quote from Will Rogers (a famous American actor and comedian)

If you want to be successful,
it's just this simple.

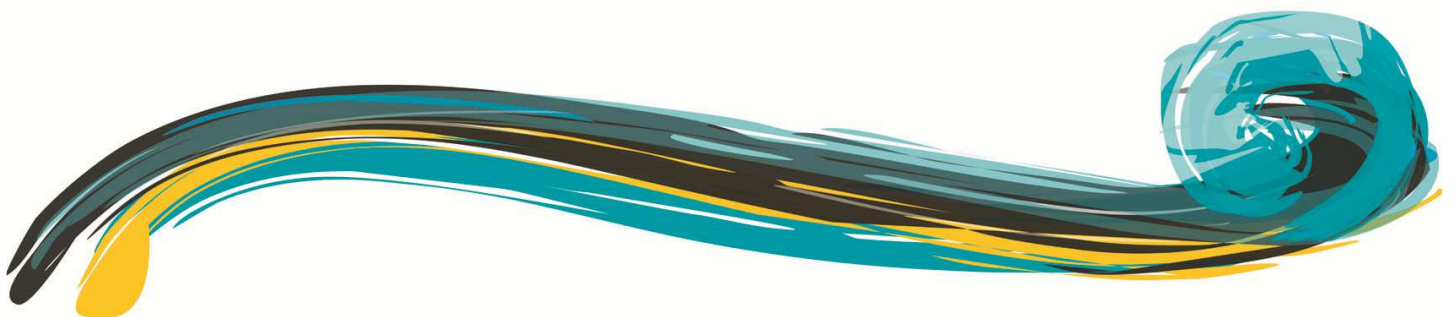
Know what you are doing.
Love what you are doing.
And believe in what you are doing.

Will Rogers

I can see this in our school. I believe.

Mrs Jackson will be back on deck next week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Yours in Education
John Kratzmann
Deputy Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT KIRWAN.

School absenteeism can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Even 10 minutes per day, is almost one entire lesson in a week. It is important to establish good routines at the start of the academic year to ensure your child is ready for learning every day.

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks a year
- Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks a year
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days and that equals two years of full schooling

Why is being at school on time important?

At Kirwan State School, lessons start at 8:50am every day. Arriving to school after classes have begun can cause students to miss more than just the introduction to a new lesson. Teachers often share important information and commence teaching, introducing the lesson and what the students will be learning about and how to approach this learning. Students who show up late may miss out on these details and as a result, be unprepared and struggle in understanding what they are meant to do. While a teacher will likely reiterate crucial information throughout the lesson, latecomers may miss out crucial learning which can impact their learning for the remainder of the week.

Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour. This belief can negatively impact their future schooling. Alternatively, showing up on time to school every day can help students develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments.

JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE DOESN'T SEEM MUCH ... BUT ...

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child is away please call our office on 4799 1888 or write a note explaining the absence to your child's class teacher, or email the school.

Please read this fact sheet:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/> for parents and carers

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

Student Resource Scheme - \$40 per student

The Student Resource Scheme will be operating at Kirwan this year. There is a blue form (one per family) that will need to be completed and returned to the school with your payment. There is a section on the back of the form for card details. Please make sure all sections are filled in correctly as you will be receiving invoices for the amount owing.

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. There will be extra forms available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

Uniform Shop

OPENS 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 to the school.

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

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	Eternatee Katthagen	2F	Logan Jensen
PrepB	Cooper Ohl	3A	Ashton Bellert
PrepC	Grace Lloyd-Jones	3B	Logan Weir
PrepD	Thomas Schwartz	3B	McKinlee Burton
PrepE	Hayes Manning	3C	Lara Parter
1A	Alexander Haberstroh	3D	Lachlan Cains
1B	Seth Davies	3E	Keyen Harrison
1C	Darius Harrison	4A	Dakota Aleo
1C	Bradley Rogers	4A	Jai Cope
1D	Alisha Poole	4B	Layla Perfect
1E	Chloe Swanson	4B	Jake Nona
2A	Jessica Fraser	4C	Rhiannon Peterson
2A	Declan Cope	4D	Bree McCallion
2B	Amelia Brennan	5A	Thomas Hounslow
2C	Ella Dwyer	5B	Tyler Andersen
2C	Levi Tepania	5C	Daniel Parker-KumSing
2C	Willow Haynes	6C	Gabriel Tucker
2D	Joshua Cameron	6D	Reynaldo Garcia
2E	Bailey Hoggan		

P&C Pieces

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on Saturday at our sausage sizzle. It was a huge success.
- Our first general meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- The AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C President

No Dogs

Can I remind the community that our school is a **NO DOG ZONE!**. Thank you...



Karen Finnigan – Business Services Manager

Lost Property

The Lost Property bins are located outside the Admin building. They are a smaller wheelie bin with Lost Property marked on them. The bins are emptied every two weeks on a Friday. This Friday (06/02) will be the first day unmarked items will be displayed on the seats near the Tuckshop before school for parents and students to check for lost items. Items not collected by the end of the day will be given to charity. So please mark your students belongings with full name and class on them. We will endeavour to return marked items to the student's classroom.

Smoking Ban

Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015.

From January 1 this year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp>

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04 February Indigenous Meet & Greet – 9:00am Indigenous Room
 10 February Swimming Trials for 8-12 year olds
 10 February Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
 17 February P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 17 March P&C Annual General Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 02 April Student Resource Scheme paid in full by
 02 April Last Day of Term 1
 20 April First Day of Term 2
 23 & 24 June School Musical “The Little Mermaid”

Term & Vacation Times For 2015 and 2016

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

2016	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	25 Jan – 24 Mar	25 Mar – 10 Apr
Term 2	11 Apr – 24 June	25 June – 10 July
Term 3	11 July – 16 Sept	17 Sept – 03 Oct
Term 4	04 Oct – 09 Dec	10 Dec – 22 Jan 2017

36 Days until “Shave Day” Icy Cup Fundraiser for Leukaemia Foundation’s “Shave for a Cure 2015”

Alice Edgerton is selling icy cups at the shed on Friday afternoons to raise money for the World’s Greatest Shave.



Over the holidays Alice and Amy have been doing some fundraising. They held a sausage sizzle at the Thuringowa Council, sold lunches while the Café was closed over the Christmas/New Year shut down and sold stuffed toys. To date the total is \$1014, only \$986 to get to \$2000 and both Alice, Amy and Mum will lose their hair.

With Easter coming we have made some no calorie soft toys for sale. We also have some other soft toys for sale - they have been purchased for gifts for new babies and birthday gifts.

If you would like to view any of our goodies for sale please call mum - Rosanne 0408 985 070.

Thank you...

Alice & Amy

Tuckshop Talk

Feb 04 Carol, Sandra, Michelle
 Feb 05 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
 Feb 06 Jo, Belinda
 Feb 09 Mad Murdock Monday, Leanne
 Feb 10 Jenni, Sharyn

▪ Tuckshop Volunteers needed!

From the Chaplain

Welcome back to school everyone, and a special welcome to all the new students and their families! I work at Kirwan SS on Mondays and Tuesdays. I’m employed by Scripture Union Queensland and funded by the Federal Government, community donations and fundraising. I provide pastoral care and support to students, staff and families. Much of my time is spent building relationships. You might see me in the “Meet and Greet” time before school, playing games at lunch times, or providing classroom support. I also run a lunchtime program called “JAFFA Club.” If parents or caregivers need to contact me, please leave a message at the school office. I look forward to meeting you around the school.

Trudy Godwin- School Chaplain

JAFFA Club (Yrs 4-6) Mondays 1st break – Multi-purpose Hall

JAFFA club will commence again on Monday 09 February 2015. JAFFA club is Christian-based and is part of Scripture Union’s network of ‘Supa Clubs’ that meet in primary schools throughout Australia. ‘JAFFA’ stands for Jesus a Friend for All. Activities include games, stories, songs and drama. A parental permission note will be given to students on their first visit to JAFFA Club if they are keen to continue to be a part of the club.

Trudy Godwin- School Chaplain

Musical – “The Little Mermaid”



VOUCHERS - Kirwan students will NOT be going to see our school musical 'The Little Mermaid Jr' during school time as we have done in previous years. For this reason, your child/ children should have received a student voucher to enable them to receive a cheap ticket at the box office to see our school musical with the family at one of our evening performances. We will be running a costume competition at both evening performances for the best 'Under The Sea' costume. Tickets are on sale NOW so take your vouchers to the Civic Theatre Box Office so that you don't miss out!!

New School Payment Area - Cash Window

This year all monies will be paid via a cash window. There is 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.

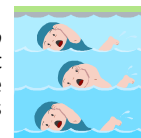
The money box will still be available for those people unable to pay during our new cash hours. There will be a money box slot located near the new cash window.

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

Swimming, Swimming, Swimming...

NQ SELECTION

Attention: Any students who are 10-12 years old who are in a swimming club. If you wish to submit swimming times to be considered for NQ Selection, see Mrs Talbot by this Friday 06 February. All nominations need to be official club times.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

Attention: Year 2-6 students who wish to trial for the school swimming team. Nomination forms were sent home last week. If you wish to trial for the school team, notes need to be back by this Friday 06 February. The trials are next Tuesday 10 February 7:15am at Kirwan High Pool. See Mrs Talbot if you have any questions.

INTERHOUSE NOVELTY CARNIVAL

Our Interhouse Novelty Carnival will be for Year 3-6 students and will be held on Thursday 12 March. A letter will be sent home in the next few weeks with details. This carnival promotes participation, fun and school spirit. This is not a competitive carnival with only fun novelty events to be held in the 1m shallow area of the pool. All students can participate. Each year level will spend 45 minutes at the pool participating in the fun novelty events.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Defence News

Hi everyone! We hope that everyone is settling in to school without too many hiccups! Our very first parent chat group for the year will be held next Tuesday 10 February starting at 2:00pm in the defence room. Babies and toddlers welcome. If you have any queries please come to the defence room and see us or ring the school and leave us a message. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh– DSTAs

Indigenous News

For our new parents/caregivers or those who are unaware, we have an Indigenous Room at the school, and it is located at the back of the Multi-Purpose Hall. This Wednesday 04 February we will be having a Meet and Greet morning tea at 9:00am. Please feel free to drop in and say hello to us. We would love to meet you all.

Debbie & Lorna – IESIP Aides

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am-3:30pm

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