



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

STAFF NEWS

Mr John Kratzmann has been asked to act as the Principal of Vincent State School until the end of this semester. I welcome back to Kirwan State School, Mrs Tricia Winter, who worked as a Deputy Principal for us in 2013. Mrs Winter is very much looking forward to returning to the school for the next four weeks.

SURVEY

Please find included at the end of this newsletter a survey regarding your opinion about Kirwan State School becoming an Independent Public School. You may remember that I included a brochure in last week's newsletter which gave specific information about this initiative.

Here is the link if you would prefer to complete the survey on-line: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/899BLR6>. This survey will also be included on the school website by the end of the week.

I urge all families to respond to this survey so that we have a full and accurate picture of our community opinions.

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

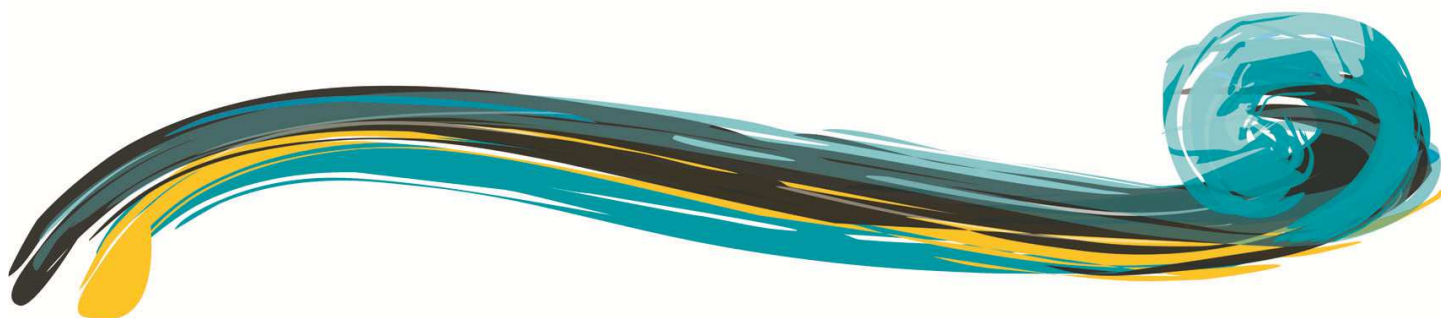
I have been informed by a number of members of the public and school community that there are ongoing issues with parking and collecting children at the end of the school day particularly in the Burnda Street drop off zone. Please note that the following applies:

- The drop off zone is designed to stop, drop and go. Vehicles should be stationary in this area for only a couple of minutes while passengers get out or in. Under no circumstances should drivers park in this area and leave their vehicle.
- Parents are reminded that the practice of double parking and calling children out onto the road represents a significant danger for the children concerned.
- Our local police have been informed of these issues and they will be conducting patrols in all school zones in the area in the next few weeks.
- PLEASE BE PATIENT.....OUR CHILDREN ARE WORTH IT!

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder that if you have changed any of your contact details or emergency contacts could you please ensure that you advise the office immediately so that we can ensure we have up to date details for every family. It is very difficult to contact parents or emergency contacts if we have old information.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

School absenteeism can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days and that equals almost two years of school.

Why is being at school on time important?

At Kirwan, we start formal lessons at 8.50am every day. Students arriving after this time miss valuable instruction that can be difficult to catch up. Students arriving to school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials and focusing their minds on the lessons to come. They have all the time they need to literally and figuratively wake up.

Arriving late not only has an impact on the student who is late, but also the other students in the class, who can often be distracted and instead focus their attention on the student trying to get organised for learning and getting their equipment ready, putting bags away etc.

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.

Please read this fact sheet for parents and carers.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf>

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	Lorenzo Gee Hoy	3C	Ella McCarthy
PrepB	Marley Andlaw	3D	Kiera Ryan
PrepC	Chloe Swanson	3E	Nathanael Nicol
PrepD	Sarah Kuhl	3E	Jazz Whitehouse
PrepE	Lachlan Doak	4A	Kayla Walker
PrepF/1F	Storm Kimber	4A	Sienna Wallis-Hage
1A	Harrison Ling	4B	Nicholas Johansson
1B	Amelia Armstrong	4C	Reece Hall
1C	Matthew Antonutti	4D	Cimarra Reilly
1D	Maverick Franklin	5A	Tenika Hills-Amory
1E	Kalara Jensen	5A	Cole Bailey
2A	Mystique Gransden	5B	Ashlee Partridge-Wregg
2B	Carlo Vanguardia	5C	Liam Watson
2C	Olivia Dempsey	5D	Jazmine McDermott
2D	Aiden Edgar	6B	Luca Patroni
2E	Ashton Bellert	6C	Lara Hamilton
3A	Dana Andlaw	6E/7C	Ryan Graham
3B	Brayden Tudehope	7A	Kyle Bitossi

Fun Run Money now Overdue

OVERDUE The due date for Fun Run money was Friday 23 May. Please have all Fun Run money returned ASAP.

Term & 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

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school's Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

Kirwan Keepers



03 JuneFete Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
05 JuneYear 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
09 JuneQueen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
17 JuneDefence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
17 JuneP&C Meeting– 7:00pm in the Staffroom
18 JuneChampions Day
27 JuneLast day of Term 2
14 JulyFirst day of Term 3
24 OctoberSchool Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

Fete - 24 October 2014

- Our next fete meeting is on **TONIGHT Tuesday 03 June at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- We are looking for **donations** of the following items which can be left with Kim at the tuckshop.
 - Second hand books, and
 - Clean label-free glass jars with lids.

Fete Sponsor Of The Week

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P&C Pieces

- The next **P&C general meeting** is on Tuesday 17 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

Jun 04	Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
Jun 05	Leanne, Leah
Jun 06	Jo, Leanne
Jun 09	Public Holiday
Jun 10	Jenni, Fiona

- A BIG thank you to Mitchell Ohl and Ron Currey for their expert BBQ skills. A BIG thank you to Helen, Summer, Jo, Leanne, Belinda, Sandra and Emma for their customer service. A BIG thank you to John Kratzmann and Di Newman for their assistance also on Sports Day.
- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 17 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Craft Group

The craft group ladies meet every Tuesday from 9:00am. Next week the ladies will be making knitting nancies and bags. If you are feeling crafty, please go along and join them at 79 Burnda Street, Kirwan; the more the merrier!



SafeST Committee Email Address

For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- Our next Parent meeting will be on Thursday 05 June at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.
- The Dinner Dance notes are due back! If you haven't returned one please do so by Thursday 05 June as we will be deciding on the venue based on number of votes received.

Attention Year 6/7 Parents/Caregivers

Can you please supply a school photo of your child from Prep/Year 1 to be added to the Yearbook? Please make sure that you write your child's name and class on the back of the photo so that we can return it to you. Photos can be given to the class teacher or emailed to the following addresses:

- Year 6 - Carol Stanek: carol.stanek@bigpond.com
- Year 7 - Angela Sawyer: a.l.sawyer@bigpond.com



Kirwan State School Independent Public School 2014 Survey

1. I believe that it would be a positive thing for Kirwan SS to become an Independent Public School because (please tick as many as you like)

- The school will have a school council.
- The school can determine its own staffing options.
- The school can determine its own policies and procedures to suit the school community.
- The school will have the capacity to assume greater responsibility for their own affairs.
- The school can implement innovative educational programs or practices to improve student performance.
- The school can make local decisions about joint facility agreements and partnerships.
- The school can contract and manage their own maintenance using QBuild or contractors.
- As an Independent Public School, Kirwan State School would still benefit from existing liability insurance, legal and media advice, financial and purchasing advice, industrial relations advice and support, curriculum into the classroom, One School, My HR, workcover support, Central and Regional Office support.
- Other (please specify)

2. I see that there could be some negatives in Kirwan State School becoming an Independent Public School namely: (please feel free to list others below)

- Some permanent staff may choose to leave if the school becomes an Independent Public School.
- The school will need to have a P&C and a School Council.
- Other (please specify)

*3. Overall, I agree/ disagree that Kirwan State School should apply to become an Independent Public School (please choose one option below)

- I agree that Kirwan State School should apply to become an Independent Public School.
- I disagree that Kirwan State School should apply to become an Independent Public School.