04 March 2014
From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

STAFF NEWS
I would like to welcome Mr Thomas Curro to the position of Music Teacher for the remainder of the year. Mr Curro is replacing Mrs Sharon Ransom who is currently on maternity leave. Welcome Mr Curro!

STAFF TRAINING THIS WEEK
Each year, teachers are required to complete 6 days of professional development over and above their normal work days. This Thursday evening, staff will be working late with members of the Indigenous Community on the “Crossing Cultures” program. This program is designed to enhance teachers’ understanding of Indigenous perspectives and local culture and heritage in the Townsville region. I look forward to sharing this experience with the staff and also to seeing Indigenous perspectives come alive in our curriculum in the classroom.

GREATER RESULTS GUARANTEE
Last week, at the first P&C meeting for the year, I outlined the school’s proposal for the expenditure of our Greater Results Guarantee funding. A major part of this program will be to enhance the teaching of reading in the junior school through the employment of more teachers whose primary focus will be intensive reading support in classes for the remainder of the year. We are currently undertaking a recruitment process and I hope to have these new teachers on board very quickly. I will let you know as soon as these appointments are made.

HOW IS YOUR CHILD TRACKING?
By now, your child should have settled into their new class, have formed some new friendships perhaps, and have established a sound relationship with their new teacher. Children should also have a sense of “what” they are learning about and how they can improve their results. Your child should be bringing home homework which they can do independently (for the most part) and which should give you some indication of the standard of work expected for the year.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. This year we are trialling an online booking system for interviews which I hope will make the process more streamlined. I urge you to book online as soon as this is opened so as to secure a time which suits you. At the Parent Teacher interview you will have the opportunity to view your child’s work against the standard for the year. Your child’s teacher should be able to provide you with suggestions and ways for your child to improve. This link between home and school is a vital part in your child’s success.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Each and every day it is expected by all teachers and school staff that we model what we expect from our students. We also expect our parents, carers and family to model being safe, respectful and responsible whilst at school. Your support is valued and appreciated.

It is also very important that your children see you supporting the school and modelling an enthusiasm for learning and for schooling each and every day. Some ways of doing this might include:

- Actively supporting your child having all the necessary school equipment.
- Ensuring your child arrives on time.
- Preparing your child for a busy day of learning – lunch, water bottle.
- Attending parent teacher meetings – know what your child is learning.
- Discussing in a very positive manner, all the great things that happened at school during the day.
- Making a scheduled time for homework and reading – reward and celebrate.
- Being positive about school – remind your child about making great choices.
- Modelling a problem solving approach with the school if issues occur.

Education is a partnership – Thank you.

UNIFORM AND ‘EXTRAS’

Yesterday I looked out at our students during parade and, as always, was very impressed with the uniform standard of all our students. Your help making sure your children are in uniform is very much appreciated.

However, it was disappointing to see children wearing coloured bands on their arms. These stood out quite clearly. I have informed all our students that coloured bands for arms, necks etc. are not part of the uniform and must not be worn to school. School uniform may include a watch, medic alert bracelet or necklace, or other sentimental items approved by parents/carers.

Your help in encouraging your child to stick to the uniform and leave the accessories for the weekend is very much appreciated. Please feel free to contact the office to discuss any uniform issues with me.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

READING

It is fantastic to see children enjoying a good book to read. You are able to help at home with strategies that can make reading easier.

One strategy you can model is predicting. Predicting goes beyond guessing and assists students in setting a purpose for reading and in monitoring their reading comprehension. It allows students to interact more with the text, making them more likely to become interested in the reading material while improving their understanding.

Predicting is not only a valuable strategy that good readers access, but it is good to embed it as a standard process which students work through every time they approach a text.

Using titles, headings, pictures, structure of text and many more visual clues, the types of predictions we encourage are:

- What type of text is this going to be? (fiction, non-fiction, a poem, a historical report)
- What might the topic be and do I have any prior knowledge of the topic?
- Who is the author and do I know anything about their style?
- What vocabulary might I read and have to de-code?
- Is there anything I need to know more about before I read?
- Above all, enjoy reading with your child!

CYBERSAFETY HELP BUTTON—FROM EDUCATION QUEENSLAND

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html

Have a great week!

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:

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Tuckshop Subway Day – Friday 28 March

Tuckshop is having a Subway Day on Friday 28 March at 1st Break.

Stay tuned to the Kirwnews for more news next week.

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.

This is part of our school's Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

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

SafeST Committee Email Address
P&C Pieces

- Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom followed by the general meeting. If you would like to nominate for a position, forms are available from the office.
- Jumper order forms and payment are due back next Friday 14/3/14. Please place orders in the P&C box in the office. The uniform shop has samples available to try on for sizing on Wednesdays from 8:15am – 8:45am in F Block.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete in 2014

This year we will be holding our fete on Friday 24 October from 7:00pm. We will be having a meeting TONIGHT at 7:00pm in the staffroom to start planning this year’s event. Helping with the fete is fun and rewarding. You get to meet new people and make great friends so if you would like to help out in any way, big or small, please come along.

Defence News

- Our next Parent Chat Group will be held on Tuesday 11 March starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- The Welcome to Townsville Expo will be held on Saturday 22 March from 10:00am-1:00pm at RSL Stadium. DCO is hosting this event. Come along and access agencies such as DHA, TOLL and Townsville City Council. Register your pets too! If you want more information contact DCO on 4753.639 or www.defence.gov.au/dco.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Money Collection Window

Please use the money envelope box through the BSM’s window to put all monies and forms. If paying by card, you will need to pay at the front office.

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

Student Council Disco – Thursday 20 March

Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-6:00pm
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – 6:30pm-8:30pm

$5 tickets will go on sale for the disco on Wednesday 05 March and are available from Mrs Taylor’s room – H Block. Prep children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. All children attending MUST be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.

School Photos

Tuesday 1 April & Wednesday 2 April 2014

Money envelopes will be distributed today. Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day. Sibling photo envelopes will also be available for students at the school.

Tuckshop Talk

- Please NOTE: 1st and 2nd Break orders are to be on two separate bags. Bags are 10c.
- Tuckshop DOES NOT ACCEPT foreign currency!
- There are no Slushies until further notice.

2014 Interhouse Swimming Carnival - Tomorrow

Date: Wednesday 05 March
Venue: Kirwan Aquatics Centre (beside Kirwan High School)
Cost: $3-80 (pool entry and bus fare)

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Important points to note:
- The permission form, medical form and money should now have been returned.
- Students will change into their swimming gear before they board the bus and change back into their uniforms when they return to school.
- All students need to have a swim shirt to swim in. If they do not have one, they will not be able to swim.
- Students will also need a towel, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.
- Each year level will spend 45 minutes at the pool and will be engaged in novelty events only.
- Students will use the lanes in the shallow area of the pool.
- There will be no free swim time or playing on water slides.
- Year 6E/7C class will be attending the Year 7 carnival together.
- Students in Years 4 and 5 ordering lunch at first break should write on their order that they are swimming. Lunches can be collected upon their return to school.
- Students not going to the carnival will stay at school and join another class.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au