From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

FUN RUN
My sincere congratulations to all competitors at the FUN RUN last week. Dressed in house colours, with or without zinc, our little (and not so little) ones all competed with true school spirit, good sportsmanship and a healthy dose of energy. Well done to Mrs Talbot and staff for sensational organization of this event.

Please note that FUN RUN sponsorship money is now due. Please return to school by 23 May.

SHHHHHH...........It's Mother's Day
Our wonderful Fundraising Committee has put together an amazing array of fine gifts for the Mothers and Grandmothers of Kirwan State School. This week, classes will be timetabled to have a shopping spree at the Mother’s Day stall but, if you forget, then the stall - in THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL - will also be open from 8:15am each day......Dads – this is your chance!

DISCO
Once again, the DJ extraordinaire of Townsville, Mr Michael Browne and Disco Queen herself, Mrs Lorraine Taylor, have pulled off a wonderful school disco to rival Groovin’ The Moo. I must also praise the students, in particular our school leaders, who acquitted themselves very well. It’s a pleasure to host fun events for beautifully behaved children who deserve a treat. Well done to all.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY
Please support our School Chaplaincy sponsors (see sign on the front fence of the school). Our chappy, Mrs Trudy Godwin, provides non-denominational, relevant support for all children at Kirwan State School. Chappy Week this year will be held in the week commencing 18 May. There will be our usual Chappy breakfast BBQ, Live FM broadcast from school and lots of fun competitions.

Until next week ... NAPLAN WEEK ... Kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
This week every classroom will continue to focus on playing fairly. Being a good winner in games is very important. Students will explore the importance of being a winner who makes others feel good, and maintaining positive relationships with other players, so that they will want to play again. A winning player who makes others feel bad when they have lost will get fewer opportunities to play again and potentially lose friendships. Connections between winning in games and being a good winner in life will also be explored and discussed. As you know, students who are caught demonstrating the skills they have learned during lunchtime activities will be rewarded with a ‘gotcha’. Next week, our students will explore the qualities needed to be a good loser in games.

ATTENDANCE
At Kirwan we are aiming for an attendance percentage of 95% for all students. Student rolls are marked in the morning and in the afternoon and attendance percentages viewed at the end of each week. Please remember that your child’s attendance at school is very important to us. If your child arrives 30 minutes late each morning, that equals 2.5 hours of quality learning time missed in a week; 25 hours in a full term. Thank you for your continued support to get your students here on time. Please remember to contact the school to explain all absences. Unexplained absences will be chased up by Admin or your class teacher.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

Some Letters from 3B to Mr Woodhouse

Dear Mr Woodhouse,

There is an Art specialist teacher used immediately from the year 3 cohort. I have been keen that... I wish students that are involved in games or Art have more creative, have a higher understanding and know they are learning artists of their work. We need to make more meaningful activities. Thank you.

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READING
Reading to your child is one of those things we do as parents. It does all kinds of great things for children - develops their vocabulary, makes them love books and stimulates them to ask sometimes impossible or difficult-to-answer questions about life.

But at the end of a very long day, just the act of sitting upright and saying words - even if they are lovely, sweet words about lost pockets and little houses and pigs and bears - is exhausting. And as if being bleary-eyed and bone-tired by 7:00pm isn't enough, there are certain books that your child may love but that make your eyelids feel very heavy indeed.

Some parents have a bag of tricks to get through books quickly - skipping pages, reading only the first sentences or skipping words completely hoping that your child won't realise. This is especially true if you have read a book so many times even you have memorized it. However, this can teach bad habits to children who try to do the same or model your behaviour.

The most important thing is to foster the love of reading. It is okay to fall asleep whilst reading; you often find your child will continue on without you. Share the love of a good book and make reading fun.

NAPLAN
This year, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will complete the NAPLAN tests from 13 - 15 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests are available at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/thetests/thetests.html.

BEING LATE
We have a number of students who are still arriving late to school. Remember that learning starts at 8:50am. It is important that your child arrives at school on time ready to start learning. If your child is late to school 10 minutes each day can amount to 50 minutes each week, which is almost an entire lesson. (Over 13 years of schooling that would total nearly half a year of missed school – WOW.)

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: Riley Rose 3B: Kaylee Steel
PrepB: Lathan King 3C: Tamar Van Dorp
PrepC: Seth Davies 3D: Clayton Davison
PrepD: Aimee Mundy 3E: Kyra Mailman

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

05-09 May – Mother’s Day Stall – Multipurpose Hall
12-16 May – Book Fair (please note date change from 05-09 May)
13-15 May – NAPLAN Testing
13 May – Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
15 May – Year 6/7 Parent Committee Meeting – 2:00pm Staffroom
20 May – Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
20 May – P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
23 May – Fun Run money – extension of due date
29 May – 8:00m Races & March Past
30 May – Kirwan Athletics Carnival
18 June – Champions Day
24 October – School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm

P&C Pieces

- Reversible School Hats are available from the uniform shop in F Block on Wednesday mornings from 8:15-8:45am. They are $12 each and are in the four house colours. Stock is limited so get yours now ready for sports day.
- The next P&C general meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete – 24 October 2014

- Our next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
- Have you asked your child what stall their class will be running at the fete and have you considered asking the teacher if there is any way you can help?
- We are looking for donations of the following items which can be left with Kim at the Tuftshop:
  - second-hand books;
  - pot plants;
  - clean/label-free jars (jam, peanut butter, pasta sauce, coffee, etc);
  - scrap material, paints, embroidery threads, cottons, beads & craft glue.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be open every day this week from 8:15am in the Multipurpose Hall. There are a variety of $2.00 and $5.00 gifts available.

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

There will be a meeting next Thursday 15 May at 2:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there!

Book Fair – Change of Date

Due to a logistic delay, our Scholastic Book Fair will now run from 12 May to 16 May. The fair will be open in the Resource Centre from Monday to Friday during the following times:

- 8:00 – 8:45am (Monday to Friday)
- 1st & 2nd Breaks (Monday to Friday)
- 3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday to Thursday)

This fair will be full of fantastic titles suitable for all ages. All purchases at this fair support our school Library.

Resource Centre Staff

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Good luck to our U11 League students who are trialling for the Thuringowa team this week.

Yours in sport...  

*Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher*

### Chappy Week Celebration

**Morning - Monday 19 May 7:00am**

Chaplaincy Week is coming up in just a few weeks! Community Radio Station 99.9 Live FM will be broadcasting from Kirwan State School on Monday 19 May from 7:00am to 9:00am. There will be a Sausage Sizzle, fun activities and a special Chappy Week Competition. It will be a morning not to be missed! See the notice in Kirnews next week for further details!

*Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain*

### Defence News

Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be held on Tuesday 20 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mums!! See you all out and about!

*Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs*