



# KIRNEWS

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## From the Principal's Desk

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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.*

### **SHHHHH.....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.*

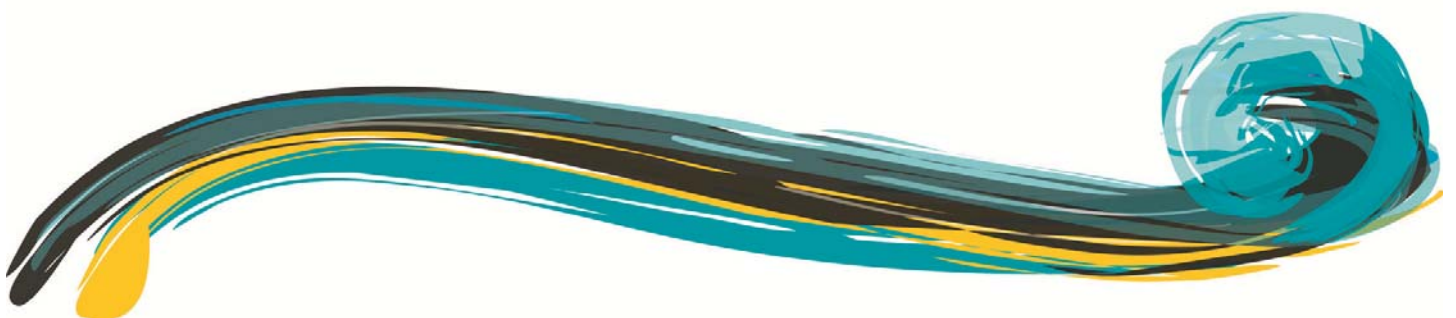
### **SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY**

*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 needed immediately for the year 3 cohort. It has been proven that students that are educated by a specialist Art teacher are more creative, have a deeper schooling knowledge and they are active members of their community. It makes us think more about Art which keeps our minds active so we can remember more things.

Students that have an Art teacher learn more. They learn alot about the world and everything around them. Children are really excited to learn new things. An Art teacher to teach us how to draw would be great. There might be a student that can't draw and this would help. If we don't have an Art teacher what would happen to the children that want to be an illustrator when they grow up for these and many more employ us a specialist Art teacher. Thank you  
Aneta Lynd - 3B

Dear Mr Woodhouse,  
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Students that have an Art teacher learn more. They learn alot about the world and everything around them. Children are really excited to learn new things. We need to have an Art teacher who also is going to teach us art. Mrs Miller probably doesn't know how to do clay and other things. She is smart but she doesn't know some things about Art and that is why we need an Art teacher.

Thank you  
Leisha Dixon - 3B

Dear Mr Woodhouse  
There is an Art specialist teacher needed immediately for the Year 3 cohort. It has been proven that students that are educated by a deeper schooling knowledge and are active members of their community. Mrs Miller makes us think we are the best class ever. Students that have an art teacher learn more. They learn alot about the world and everything around them. Children are really excited to learn new things. They would like coming to school and being able to express their selves with more specialise of creating. An art teacher would provide this and so much more.

Thank you  
Kaylee Steel - 3B

Dear Mr Woodhouse,  
There is an Art teacher needed immediately for the year 3 cohort. It has been proven that students that are educated by a specialist Art teacher are more creative, have a deeper schooling knowledge and are active member of their community.

Art makes us think that maybe one day we could all be an Art teacher and be nice, lovely, genius.

Students that have an Art teacher learn more. They learn alot about the world and everything around them. Children are really excited to learn new things. So please a specialist Art teacher will give us greater opportunities.

Thank you  
Lucy Dunson - 3B

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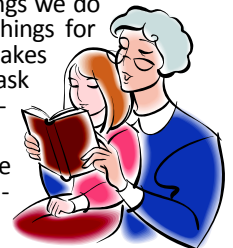
It makes us think an Art and we think more. Students that have an Art teacher learn more. They learn alot about the world and everything around them. Children are really excited to learn new things. Children will be more creative about Art. They will make a good start in life through Art. They will be better at learning everything there is to know about Art. We will be a better school and we will be the best school in Townsville.

Thank you  
Aneta Lynd - 3B

## From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

### 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 to school on time ready to start learning. If your child is late to school 10 minutes each day, that amounts 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



PrepE	Emma Barclay	3E	Sophie Everett
PrepF/1F	Matthew Ezias	4A	Cameron Smith
1A	Ayden King	4A	Hanna Saliu
1B	Brayden Townsend Carroll	4B	Dylan Janke
1C	Caiden Green	4D	Latoya Carroll
1D	Mareikura Hills-Amory	5A	Cole Bailey
1E	Lane-James Hoffman	5B	William Snell
2A	Peta-Jane Bogdanek	5D	Sammi Cheadle
2B	Ethan Johnson-Briggs	6A	Chumane Botha
2C	Beau Wilson	6C	Demica Targett
2D	Lou-Sharn Waterman	6D	Corbyn Purkis-Arthur
2E	Harley Dainer	7B	George Jones
3A	Jayella Cohen	7B	Andrew Hilleary
3A	Bradley Broom	7B	Katie Gillham
3B	Shaun Clarke		

## Craft Group

Craft Group has started again this term. They meet every Tuesday from 9:00am in Burnda Street. More help is needed, so please consider going along and getting your craft on. Contact Rosemary on 0409.123.649 for further details.



A huge **THANK YOU** must go out to Ms Lyn Mitchelson for her generous donation of craft supplies. They are much appreciated.

## Tuckshop Talk

May 07	Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
May 08	Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
May 09	Belinda, Jo
May 12	Helen, Brett
May 13	Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop DOES NOT ACCEPT foreign currency.

## 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	..... <b>Fun Run money - extension of due date</b>
29 May	.....800m 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 Tuckshop:
  - 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)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Breaks (Monday to Friday)**  
**3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday till 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*

## Prep D Mother's Day Morning - Thursday 08 May

Prep D is having a Mother's Day morning of activities from 8:50am-9:50am in Prep D's classroom on Thursday 08 May. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

## Fun Run Money - Due Date Extension to Friday 23 May

The due date for Fun Run money has been extended to Friday 23 May. Please have all Fun Run money returned by this date.

## From the HPE Department

### FUN RUN RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Fun Run and showed good sportsmanship. It was a wonderful day!

1 <sup>st</sup> Perkins – 442	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wilson – 439
3 <sup>rd</sup> Border – 438	4 <sup>th</sup> Freeman – 428

Students who placed in the top five who are 10-13 years will now compete and represent the school at interschool cross country on Tuesday 06 May.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Prep Boys	Cruze Shelton	Lathan King	Bradley Rogers		
Year 1 Boys	Nathan Stewart	Aiden Parrish	Kye Fish		
Year 2 Boys	Andrew Jenner	Jayden Parker	Diesel Taylor		
Year 3 Boys	Alex Trueman	Taj May	Blaze Buchanan		
9 Year Boys	Braiden Driscoll	Flynn Currey	Jett Newman	Ethan Dahlitz	Owen Church
10 Year Boys	Seth Johnson	Tylor Winnett	Mathew Weldon	Cobey Sawyer	Edgar Rey Javelona
11 Year Boys	Harley Taylor	Heath Jones	Aric Rolfe	Riley Hielscher-Green	Matthew Schulz
12 Year Boys	Trent Austin	Marcus Cowan	Jett Manning	Aiden Simkin	David Crotty
13 Year Boys	Dean Paterson	Andrew Hilleary	Kyle Bitossi		
Prep Girls	Kaitlin Bitossi	Kyzearne Bulsey	Maddison Hovasapian		
Year 1 Girls	Hannah Davis	Jazmyn Aleo	Chloe Verhaaf		
Year 2 Girls	Hirani Steven	Adelaide Steele	Olivia Dempsey		
Year 3 Girls	Shyannah Morris	Kiana Phineasa	Sarah Rogers		
9 Year Girls	Kaitlyn Stewart	Sophie Little	Cimarra Reilly	Hamari Nawara	Isabelle Wylie
10 Year Girls	Ashlee Partridge-Wregg	Jessica	Kiamber Nilsson	Lauren Bennie	
11 Year Girls	Stella Abbott	Sophie Sommerville	Natasha Van Antwerp	Hannah Pettit	Emma Manning
12 Year Girls	Madison Nosedata	Zoe Royan	Isabella Sawyer	Sarah Snell	Taylah Langdon
13 Year Girls	Jennifer Hepburn	Carlie Boyle	Kiana Ward		

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in NQ teams recently.

NETBALL – Isabella Sawyer  
 HOCKEY – Tyler Caris, Tahnee Marshall  
 BASKETBALL – Kyle Whitton, Luca Yates, Madison Nosedata

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Thuringowa Soccer team - Connor Campbell, Chris Reid, Marcus Cowan, Jennifer Reid and Emily Ohl.

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**

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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

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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*