



KIRNEWS

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From the Principal 's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

At last count, less than 40 families had responded to the online School Opinion Survey which was distributed with every newsletter two weeks ago. While I could adopt the philosophy that "no news is good news", I would much rather have a full range of responses from every family in the school!! The survey, which was scheduled to finish last Friday has been extended until Friday 8th August. Please take the time (about 5 minutes) to jump online and help us make quality decisions for your children. We DO take the responses very seriously and we use the information to improve our service delivery wherever possible.

OVERTON CIRCUIT

I am currently in the process of meeting with various community leaders and police regarding the ongoing parking and transport issues in Overton Circuit.

We enjoy the privilege of having very good neighbours at Kirwan State School and it is disappointing to hear that some parents are parking in driveways, blocking access to driveways, parking on front lawns and engaging in unsafe behaviour by encouraging children to enter or leave a vehicle which is stopped in the middle of the road.

Whether you drop off/pick up at the front of the school or in Overton Circuit, common courtesy, patience and road rules are expected of all our parents.

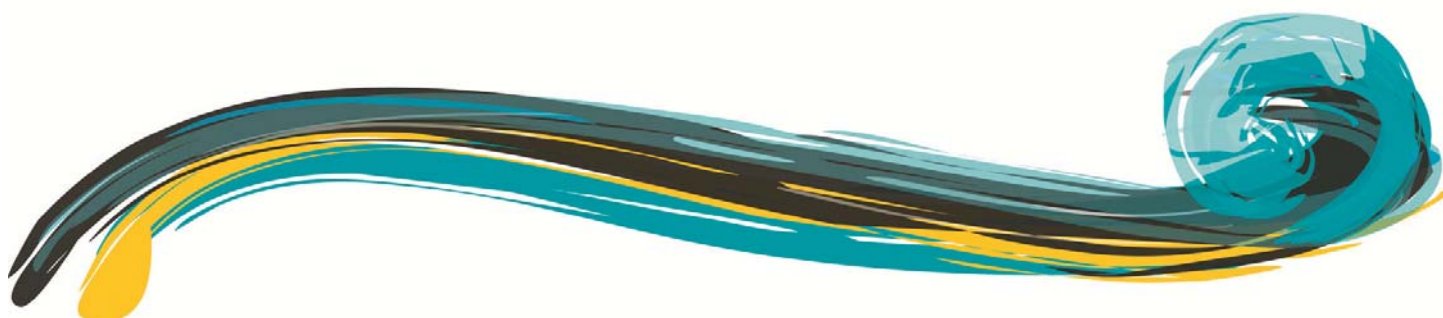
SCHOOL CAMP

Next week, most of our Year 6 and 7 children will be attending either Tallebudgera or Mungalli Falls camps. School camps are well and truly valued by both students and teachers for their ability to challenge and bring out independent and leadership qualities in children. I know there are many excited children packing (and repacking) bags for the adventure of the year. I wish all our children the best and I anticipate the same positive responses from camp staff at Tallebudgera and Mungalli as per usual.

Those children who are not attending camp are still expected to attend school. They will be provided with a program of work in a supervising teacher's class for the week.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO READ?



If your child is reluctant to read, try some positive reinforcement and make sure you model the reading process. Make a list of five or ten books you and your child can read together, and create a chart to keep track of how far you're both getting. (Children love stickers.) Whether it's two pages or 200, any progress is progress worth celebrating.

The biggest motivator for children is often as simple as knowing that adults are celebrating their success. When you hear your child struggling with a new word, remind them of the words they have already learned. Knowing that someone is there to assist and get them over the hurdles is important.

Choose books that your child is interested in. Even if they look far too difficult, it is important to foster the love of reading. You can still point out words that they may know.

Encourage your child to read a variety of print, from stop signs to the names of restaurants, comics, cereal boxes, even subtitles on tv.

Be sure that books are easy to access within your home for your child. If books are easier to get than the remote, children will be less likely to turn on the tv.

Most of all, love reading.

STUDENTS, HAVE YOUR SAY!

All Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to have their say on the future of education in Queensland. The Queensland Government wants to hear your suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Students are invited to submit video feedback on the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions. This feedback will contribute to the development of the Queensland Education Accord, a 30-year vision for education in Queensland. Chosen entries will be shown at the Queensland Education Accord Summit on 25 September 2014 and will go into the draw to win one of four \$50 iTunes vouchers.

Entries close this Friday 8 August 2014 – visit <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/> for more information.

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	Dakota Jubbs	3B	Cody Rigg
PrepB	Isabella Crowe	3C	Tearla Kemp
PrepC	Jun'Seo Yoon	3D	Shane Smiley
PrepD	Lucas Rehbein	3D	Isra Tschirpig
PrepE	Kale Steffen	3E	Chelsea Stroud
PrepF/1F	Bradley Rogers	4A	Hayley Newsome
1A	Hannah Davis	4A	Jack Kenny
1B	Peyton Gunton	4B	Tyler Packwood
1C	Jack Wiese	4C	Jessica
1D	Jayla Mow	4D	Daniel Parker
1E	Nicholas Reveillon	4D	Aiesha Mohideen
2A	Tianiwa Lenoy	5B	Gabby Spiteri
2B	Noah Oxford	5C	Liam Watson
2C	Glenn Wescombe	5D	Harley Taylor
2D	Krystal Johansson	6B	Joshua Smart
2D	Roi Aaron	6C	Jayden Ryder
2E	Diesel Taylor	6C	Keela Douglas
3A	Dana Andlaw	6D	Danielle Price
3A	Bree McCallion	7B	Antonia Lynam

Important Dates - Prep Enrolments 2015

21 July----- 2015 Prep Bookings Open
1-19 September ----- Prep Interviews with Admin
30 October----- Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
31 October----- Prep Come and Try Day – 9:15-10:50am
8 December ----- Whole School Transition (Preppies 9:15-10:50am)

Attention Students Going on Camp to

Tallebudgera

- Students must arrive at the airport no later than 5:00am wearing full school uniform (not senior shirt) and covered shoes.
- Students are allocated 1 x 23kg of luggage to go under plane and 1 x carry-on luggage (school back pack).
- No food to be brought into Tallebudgera. We are flying Qantas, so students are provided food on the plane.
- Medication is to be clearly labelled with a pharmacy label containing student name and dosage. In addition, it must be placed into a sandwich bag and labelled. This will be collected and lodged at the airport.
- Students must bring a pencil case to complete camp activities during camp.
- Spending money is only for purchasing a souvenir at Seaworld and is at parents' discretion and is collected at the airport. All food and rides at Seaworld has been factored into the total camp cost.
- Phones will also be collected at the airport. Please make sure it is also clearly labelled. Students will be allocated free time in the afternoon to make a phone call.
- Arrival Details – Friday 15 August: Qantas Flight 972 arriving in Townsville at 1:50pm. All students need to be collected from the airport.

Nicole Brodie – Year 7 Teacher



Important Information about Lost Property

All lost property will be placed out in the Tuckshop covered area on Friday morning and afternoon for collection of lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday afternoon.

As we keep accumulating a huge amount of lost property we are asking parents to check for belongings regularly as we will be donating un-named items fortnightly to charity. The Lost Property bins are located near Admin. Named items will be delivered back to students.



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

SaFeST Committee Liaison Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Red Track Training Sessions & Information

RED TRACK NOTES ARE DUE BACK ASAP! Students are expected to attend as many training sessions as possible for the events they have been selected for. Please see Mrs Talbot if students cannot attend training sessions. Junior Sprint Training is for our 7-9 year olds and Senior Sprint Training is for our 10-13 year olds.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4 starting 04 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break High Jump Training Mrs Talbot	8am 800m Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield
Week 5 starting 11 Aug	8am Senior 10-13 year olds Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor	8am Junior 7-9 year olds Sprint Training Ms Burns	8am Senior Sprint Training Mrs O'Connor 1st Break Shot Put Training Mr Hunt	8am Senior Circular Relay 10-13 year olds Team Training Ms Hallam 2nd Break Long Jump Training Ms Caulfield	RED TRACK

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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11-15 August Year 6 & 7 Camp Week
 12 August Defence Parents Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
 15 August Red Track Athletics Day
 19 August P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 26 August Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
 1-5 September Father's Day Stall
 1-19 September Prep Interviews with Admin
 8 September Whole School Concert
 18 September NAIDOC Celebrations Day
 19 September Last day of Term 3
 07 October First day of Term 4
 24 October School Fete – 5:00-9:00pm
 30 October Prep Information Sessions – 9:30am & 6:30pm
 31 October Prep Come and Try Day
 8 December Prep Come and Try Day
 8 December Whole School Transition Day

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

- **CHOCOLATES AND/OR CHOCOLATE MONEY are now overdue.** Please return all money and unsold chocolates ASAP.

Defence News

Hi everyone... Our next Parent Chat Group will be on 12 August at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Geckos Festival is on Saturday 9 August 1:00-8:00pm. There will be face painting, rides and amusements, laser skirmish and more. Adam Brand will be performing on the night as well as a fireworks display. Contact Geckos for more details and ticket sales on 4411 7031. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

Aug 06 Sandra, Carol, Michelle (½ day)
 Aug 07 Leanne, Leah
 Aug 08 Jo, Belinda
 Aug 11 Brett
 Aug 12 Jenni, Fiona

- There are no Slushies or Playwaters until further notice.
- Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency – Orders may be substituted.

♪ Music News ♪

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING

Now is the time for students to sign up for instrumental lessons for next year. Students currently in Year 3 and 4 are eligible to sign up for Brass and Woodwind instruments, String and Percussion instruments. Students currently in Year 5 can sign up for String instruments and Percussion instruments. (Brass and woodwind not available for Year 5 students.) Please see Mr Curro for an enrolment form.

Thomas Curro – Music Teacher

P&C Pieces

- The **next P&C general meeting** is on Tuesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
- **FATHER'S DAY STALL** – the P&C will be running a Father's Day Stall from 1/9/14 to 5/9/14. Class times will be advised closer to the stall. Gifts will be priced from \$2-\$5.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Fete - 24 October 2014

- There are only **11 weeks** until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child's class stall and let your child's teacher know.
 - Our **next fete meeting** is on **Tuesday 26 August at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
 - **Showbags** – An order form has been sent home with this week's Kirnews for pre-ordering showbags. A selection of showbags can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$8 each prior to the fete for collection at the fete. Showbags will be available for purchase at the fete for \$10 each.
 - **Rides Wristbands** – Unlimited rides wristbands will be available to purchase prior to the fete for \$30 per child every Thursday from 21 August from 8:15am – 9:00am in the shed. The wristbands will be available to buy at the fete for \$35 per child. The wristband lets your child have unlimited rides at the fete from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.
 - **DONATIONS REQUIRED** – the following items are required to help make our stalls a success.
 - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)
 - Tattoos
 - Brown paper bags
 - Clear cellophane
 - Bags of balloons
 - Second-hand books
- Please leave all donations with Kim at the tuckshop.** Closer to the fete we will be asking for donations of plants and cakes/sweets.

Fete Sponsor Of The Week

A huge thank you to **Kingpin Bowling** for their kind donation. Please support those who support us.

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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

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm