07 October 2014

From the Acting Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our Kirwan families for the last term of 2014.

I would particularly like to welcome the many new families who have joined the Kirwan school community during Term 3. You have certainly come at a busy and exciting time in our school year. I wish you and your child a successful and positive relationship with the school.

As many of you know, Term 4 is always busy, hectic and like a whirlwind! There are many things happening this term. If you have not set some calendar dates, then NOW is the time to get out your organiser and write them in:

- 20th October - Student Free Day (this is state-wide)
- 24th October - School Fete
- 30th October - Prep Information Sessions
- 31st October - Prep Come and Try Morning
- 8th December - Whole School Transition
- 8th December – Kirwan Christmas Concert
- 10th December - Report cards issued
- 10th December - Year 6/7 Graduation

PLANNING FOR 2015

Places in our 5th Prep class for 2015 are filling FAST. If you have little ones who will turn 5 before the end of June next year, please contact the school to arrange an interview as soon as possible. Similarly, if you know of families who may have prep aged children, please “give them a nudge”. It certainly helps with our long term class planning to know how many we will have to cater for early on.

It is at this stage of the year that we start preparations and planning for classes for the 2015 school year. If you know that you will be leaving Kirwan SS at the end of the year, please let us know via email to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au so that we can have a fairly accurate appraisal of our numbers for the new year.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Tony Woodhouse
Acting Principal
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 Email Address

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

Some Dreamtime Stories from 3B

Why Bees have their sting

In the beginning of Dreamtime in the south east of Australia lived two bees, Mannu bee and baby bee both made honey every day. One day while they were busy collecting the nectar from flowers to make their honey, two large striped bugs came to steal their honey away. Baby Bee tried with all his might to stop them from stealing their honey, but the bugs took all their honey away. When Mannu Bee returned to their home she was angry that the bugs had stolen the honey from their hive and that all their hard work was wasted. The very next day when both the Mannu and Baby Bee were both out collecting nectar, they came across a very strange large orange and black flower. They had never seen a flower like this before and approached it with care. The nectar inside was the sweetest they had ever seen before, as they started to take the nectar from the flower they both felt a pain on their tail. There was so much nectar in the flower that they took no notice of the pain. They continued to take the nectar away. When they returned to their hive, Mannu said ‘Wow that was a good day of collecting nectar to make honey’. ‘Mannu, I’m worried that the large striped bugs will come back and steal our new honey’, cried the Baby Bee. ‘It was like the striped bugs heard the words of the bee because just as they spoke the bugs seemed to appear. Mannu and Baby fought hard to stop the bugs from taking all their nectar, just as Mannu and Baby thought they had lost. Mannu remembered the feeling she felt in her tail and told Baby Bee to turn around and point his tail at the bug. Baby Bee did just that and the bug screamed out in pain, it seemed that Baby Bee had delivered a fiery sting from his tail. The large striped bugs never returned and the Bees now protect their hives with the new sting on their tails.

Lady Beetle had no colour

Long ago in the dreamtime far on the west of Australia, there was a beetle. Beetle was very plain and she had no colour on her shell. She wished and wished that one day she would wake up to beautiful colours on her shell. In the west the weather was hot and dry so there was very rarely any rain. One summer’s night it started to rain, to the delight of all the animals. The creeks filled with clean fresh water and the duct settled to the wet ground. While it was raining the animals danced and sang to celebrate. Beetle was dancing in the rain with the other animals when they told her that she could not dance with them because she was ugly. Beetle was crying as she ran off to hide away, she wished and wished that she was not so ugly and that she could have pretty colours like her friends. Beetle rested against a rock as the rain continued to fall. Beetle slept against the rock all night and when she awoke, there were many animals standing around her looking and pointing at her. ‘What are you pointing at?’ she cried shyly. ‘Where did you get that red colour from?’ they all demanded to know. Beetle wish she had come true; the rain god had heard her wish and granted her wish red markings on her back where the rain had washed away the black.

Some Dreamtime Stories from 3B (Cont.)

Why the Chameleon changes colour

Long ago in Australian rainforest there lived a chameleon and his family. They were a happy family until the birds, snakes and other predators of the chameleons came to the rainforest. The family had nowhere to hide, so they decided to visit the urchin old man who lived high in the mountains for advice. The urchin old man had many parts of colour red, pink, green, brown, color, purple and blue. He painted each one a different colour and told them that this would keep them safe from the predators below. So the family of chameleons returned to their home in the rainforest and the predators could not see them. They could hide from the water hole, they could eat from the trees and the predators could not tell them apart from the rainforest. The chameleons could live in safety.

The story of the Earth Worm

In Australia there lived a skinny tiny worm who got bullied by the other bigger worms. He was skinny little and they bullied him so much every day he was sad and lonely. The next day with all his might he started to dig and never stopped for many days and nights. When he finally stopped the bigger worms said ‘Wow, for such a small worm you sure can dig’. The bigger worms were very proud of the skinny little worm and never bullied him again. The earthworm will always be the best and fastest diggers of all worms in the land.

How the Snake got his scales

Long ago in the Dreamtime there was a python, he lived in the forest. He came along a line and because he was hungry he ate the lizard. The python got very sick. All the snakes helped him get better. Then one morning a great white was still alive, he woke up with colour scales. He opened the box he was given him scales and there is four snakes go their space.
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Courtney Reynolds and Willow Hills-Amory who were selected in the Thuringowa Schools Rugby Union team and will play in the NQ trials this month.

Congratulations also to the school Hockey Team who finished third in the competition and won the school some hockey sticks, shin pads and balls. The score in the third place playoff was 3-1 against Grammar.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

P&C Pieces

• Our next general meeting is on Tuesday 21 October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Dodgers Due Back This Week

DODGERS ARE DUE BACK THIS WEEK!
PLEASE RETURN ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD DODGERS ASAP TO THE P&C BOX IN THE OFFICE!

Tuckshop Talk

Oct 08 Sandra, Carol, Fiona
Oct 09 Leanne, Leah, Emma (½ day)
Oct 10 Jo, Belinda
Oct 13 Helen, Brett
Oct 14 Jenni

* There are no PLAYWATERS or SLUSHIES.

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2015 Dance Excellence Program Auditions

Interested in being a part of the Dance Academy in Year 7 and 8 for 2015? Please attend audition!

Auditions for the Dance Excellence Program for 2015 will be held after school on Tuesday 21 October from 3:30pm-4:30pm at the Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Block.

On the day you will participate in a class and learn a performance routine. Please wear suitable attire.

Ignatius Park College Orientation Days

Ignatius Park College will be conducting Orientation Days as follows:

Current Year 7 students entering Year 8 in 2015 –
Monday 10 November from 8:30am until 3:00pm

Current Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2015 –
Monday 24 November from 8:30am until 3:00pm.

Defence News

Hi everyone... Welcome back to 4th Term! If you are posting out of Townsville, please let the office and Leigh and I in the Defence Room know as we put together a folder for your child.

Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 21 October starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Fete - 24 October 2014

• There are only 17 DAYS until the fete. Please consider if you are able to help on your child’s class and let your child’s teacher know.

• RIDES WRISTBANDS will be on SALE for the next 3 Thursdays only from 8:15am – 9:00am in the shed. Pre-sale wristbands are $30.00 each and give your child unlimited rides at the fete.

• Our next fete meeting will be on TONIGHT Tuesday 7 October at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

• DODGERS are due back this week. Please return all sold and unsold dodgers to the P&C box in the office as soon as possible.

• DONATIONS REQUIRED – We are now asking for donations of the following items for the fete. Please leave all donations with Kim at the Tuckshop.
  - Bags of Freddo frogs or small chocolates
  - Boxes of small chips
  - Plants
  - 2 Litre ice-cream containers
  - Cakes/biscuits/slices to be dropped at the Tuckshop from 23/10/14.

Important Dates for 2015 Prep Enrolments

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)

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

• There will be a Year 6/7 Parent Committee meeting this Thursday at 2:00pm in the Staffroom.

• CHOCOLATES AND MONEY are now overdue. Please return all money and unsold chocolates ASAP.

Kirwan Fete Cake Stall

Friday 24 October 2014

We are seeking donations of cakes, slices and biscuits for the cake stall at the fete.

So that we can sell your donation the following steps should be followed:

• There MUST be a label on the item stating the ingredients in the item (we are unable to sell without this)
• The item should be placed on a disposable plate/container and covered in glad wrap or sealed in a bag.
• All donations should be left at the tuckshop from 8am Thursday 23/10/14.

Below are some labels that you may use with common ingredients (cross out the ones you did not use) and add those that are not listed. You can also create your own labels with paper or stickers.

But most importantly ensure the label is on your product.

Thank you for supporting our fete.

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