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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

IRON AND CLAY

Yesterday, staff and students were treated to a concert from the highly talented band – Iron and Clay. Iron and Clay travel all around Australia sharing their message of resilience and joy through music and friendship. Judging by the smiling faces, chorus singing, clapping and cheering, I have no doubt that everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I am also sure that there were some long lasting messages as well.

NAIDOC

Please keep Thursday 18 September highlighted on your calendar for our annual NAIDOC celebrations. The day commences with a whole school assembly at 9:00am. All are very welcome to attend. There will also be a series of workshops and demonstrations throughout the day.

GOLD FEVER

Today our Year 5 students have headed off to find fame and fortune on the goldfields of Charters Towers!! This field trip is part of their studies in the Key Learning Area of History encompassing the Australian gold rush and its effect on our nation.

I trust that they will have a rewarding and exciting day...and that they bring some gold home also!

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLING

Last week I submitted an application for Kirwan State School to be considered for Independent Public Schooling. This was after significant consultation with all stakeholder groups and overwhelming support for the initiative. Submissions will be considered in due course and we should have an outcome by the end of the year. I will inform you of the outcome when I am given this information.

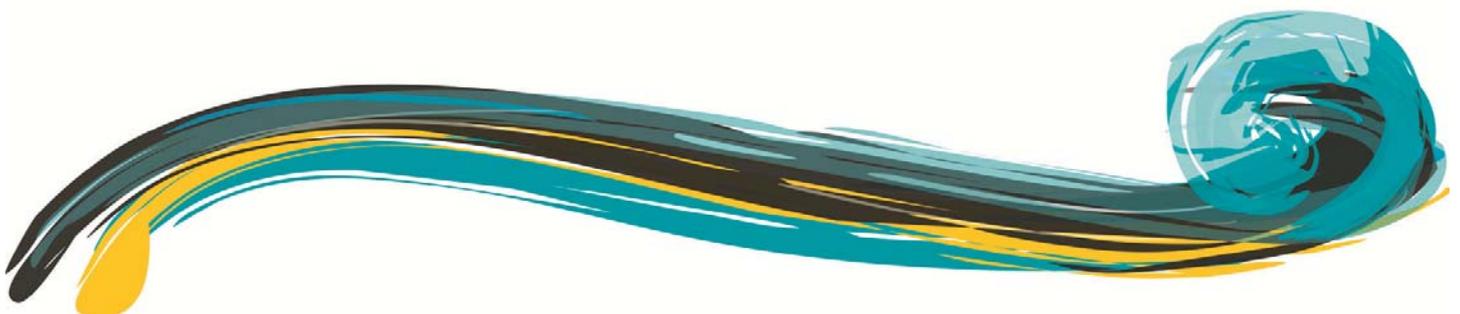
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Don't forget to take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to check how your child is going against the standard of the Australian Curriculum. Your child's teacher will be able to show you work samples and explain the elements of assessment which signify a grade A – E.

Until next week ... Kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal



From the Deputy Principal - Tony Woodhouse

IRON AND CLAY

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance yesterday by Iron and Clay. They presented a positive message about resilience, not being a gossip and working hard to achieve your dreams. I can certainly say that our students were an exceptional audience who listened, sang along and showed the true Kirwan Spirit. Well done to everyone!!



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN

One of the greatest abilities we can foster in our children is that of *resilience*. Resilience is the ability to “bounce back” from disappointment, challenges and adversities. Some children are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. These are the children who get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn't faze them. Not every child has such natural resilience. But what happens to those children who are not naturally resilient?

Research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their children. Resilient kids share four basic skill sets: *independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection*. Sometimes we know that at times it is easier (and quicker!) to solve our children's problems for them, but this does not help foster resilience.

Michael Grose, parenting expert, suggests that you can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your children by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude.
2. Look for teachable moments. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
3. Make kids active participants in the family.
4. Build kid's coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

He says that *promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don't go children's way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child's ability to cope.*

Tony Woodhouse – Deputy Principal

Parent/Teacher Meetings 8-19 September

To book a session with your child/ren's teacher please use the following steps:

1. Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/.
2. Enter the code DF3W7.
3. Enter your name and email address.
4. Select suitable times for your interview/s.
5. Check your inbox (or junk mail) for your confirmation email.
6. Bookings need to be made at least 2 days prior to your chosen interview time.

If for any reason you are unable to make your appointment, please phone the school on 4799.1888, so that we can let your child's teacher know.

Important Dates for 2015 Prep Enrolments

- 21 July-----2015 Prep Bookings Opened
1-19 September-----Prep Interviews with Admin

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

- 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)

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	Elaina Marshall	2E	Malia Dixon
PrepB	Callum Griffin	2E	Brok Lythgo
PrepC	Izayah Connelly	2E	Cloe Manning
PrepD	Noah Schurmann	3A	Lorafina Alfred
PrepE	Lainey Horton	3A	Raphael Tucker
PrepF/1F	Nathan Stewart	3B	Blaze Buchanan
1A	Zachary Gibson	3C	Connor Van Antwerp
1B	Amy Edgerton	3C	Zane Geue
1D	Nicola Massaro	3D	Kodi Leysley
1E	Uriel Tucker	3E	Phoebe Hughes
2A	Laura Shaw	4B	Liam Austen
2A	Charlie Jones	5C	Michael Davison
2B	Georgia Graham	5C	Jade Daly
2B	Piper Ohl	5D	Taylor Winnett
2C	Blake Van Dorp	6C	Kaitlyn Holz
2D	Sarah Mitchell	6C	Ashlyn Clarke

Attention: Year 6 & 7 Students Sports Excellence Programs @ Kirwan High 2015

The **second** and **final Sports Excellence trials** for any students who are interested in enrolling in the Sports Excellence Programs at Kirwan High School for 2015 are on Monday 15 September. This is a compulsory trial for students wishing to enrol in the program. Trial information is:

- When:** Monday 15 September 2014
Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm
Where: Meet at KSHS Multi-Purpose Shelter
Bring: Sports Excellence Application Form 2015, water bottle, hat, appropriate clothing and footwear.

French News

James Cook University has invited 8 of our students to be Language Ambassadors for 2 years. These students will participate in a conference next term with high school and primary students from all over Townsville. Also, they will be invited to various events run by the James Cook University Language department.

Felicitations to Sasha Taylor, Shinae Bloye, Justine Mead, Tyler Caris, Caleb Mario, Annie Hiller, Brooke Stanek and Troyisha Hoyle.

Felicitations to all the students who participated in the Language Perfect World Language and Social Sciences competitions. Kirwan came 183rd in Australia for French out of 659 schools and 4th out of 128 schools for Social Sciences.

French Language Competition:

Bronze awards to Shinae Bloye, Tyler Caris, Holly Doran, George Jones, Deisharyce Tapaitau and Madison Nosedo.
Credit awards to Annie Hiller, Zeke Holderness, Hannah Pettit, Zoe Royan, Joshua Smart, Kae Young and Danielle Connolly.

Social Sciences Competition:

Gold award - Shinae Bloye
Silver award - Zeke Holderness
Bronze awards - Kyle Stout, Joshua Smart and Hannah Pettit
Credit award - Stefanie Campbell

Merci ☺ Mlle Smart

Waltzing Matilda Narrative by Victoria Aaron in 5D

One cold and gloomy night, near Winton, in old Australian times there was a sad, old swagman called Johnson. Johnson had a long bushy beard that swayed from side to side as he walked; his skin was very greasy and sweaty and his clothes were very ragged and far too big for him. He had wrinkles all over his grey and motionless face. He was one of the many poor people in Winton, but he was fortunate enough to have bought a room in a hotel on the west side of Winton.

Johnson could not afford to buy the food at the hotel for any longer. While Johnson was eating his tea and damper, the door to his room swung open and the owner of the hotel trudged angrily into the room and suddenly stopped in front of the trembling swagman. 'Johnson, since you ain't payin' your bills, you'll have to leave this hotel now,' said the owner in a deep voice. The owner dragged Johnson out of his room, his face scraping against the rough floor. The owner dumped Johnson into a wagon which was waiting for him outside the hotel. Three troopers with blue uniforms, lined with grey, tumbled in his few belongings. Then with a sudden jolt, the wooden wagon started moving further and further from the hotel.

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The elderly swagman was shocked and speechless because of what just happened to him. His eyelids started to get heavier and heavier and in minutes he was asleep.

To be continued

Victoria Aaron

Student Council Disco - Thursday 11 September

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 went on sale for the disco on Wednesday 03 September and are available from Mrs Taylor's room – HBlock. **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. **Prep to Year 3 students must be collected at 6:00pm and students from Years 4-7 must be collected at 8:30pm.** No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.



Pizza at the Disco

The P&C will be selling slices of pizza for \$2 each at the disco this Thursday from 5:45pm-6:15pm.



Prep Enrolments - 2015

Enrolment paperwork is available for collection from the office at which time an interview for you and your Prep child will be arranged.

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01-19 September	Prep Interviews with Admin
08-19 September	Parent/Teacher Interviews
11 September	Term 3 Student Council Disco
16 September	P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
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 - 9:15-10:50am
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P&C Pieces

- Our **next general meeting** is on **Tuesday 16 September** at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there.
- FATHER'S DAY STALL** – Thank you to everyone who helped out on the stall last week. It was a huge success.
- FUN RUN PRIZES** – these have now all been distributed. A big thank you to everyone for your patience and support.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Indigenous News

ONESIGHT eye testing will be conducted at Heatley Primary School on Wednesday 17 September between 10:00am – 12:00 midday. Please turn up at a time convenient to you between these hours along with your completed permission forms. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Michelle Lowe on 4799 1888.

NAIDOC - We are looking for some clean, clear plastic takeaway containers to store items for our upcoming NAIDOC celebrations. If you have any please drop them into the Indigenous room before next Wednesday. Thank you.

Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer

HPE News

AQUATHON - Students who are 11 and 12 in 2015 who wish to be nominated for the NQ Aquathon team are able to submit times for a 1km run, 200m swim, 1km run to Mrs Talbot by Friday 12 September. See Mrs Talbot for more information.

KIRWAN HOCKEY TEAM is playing off for 3rd Place in the Mazon Cup this Friday @ 3:40pm. So far they have won 3 games, lost 1 and drawn 1 game.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

Sep 10	Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Fiona
Sep 11	Leah, Emma (½ day), Leanne
Sep 12	Belinda, Jo
Sep 15	Mad Murdock Monday
Sep 16	Jenni

- Tuckshop lunch bags are 10c.
- Toasting is an extra 50c.
- Please check prices and that you have a current 2014 menu.
- There are no **PLAYWATERS** or **SLUSHIES**.

Parent/Teacher Interviews and School Gates

A reminder to parents who will be attending Parent/Teacher interviews that the back school gates close at 3:45pm.

Defence News

Hi everyone...

There will be a Removals Information Session on Tuesday 16 September from 9:30am-11:30am at the Harry Cobby Centre, RAAF Base, Garbutt. RSVP by 15 September to Robyn Edwards – Shipway on 4411 1518. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Year 6/7 Parent Committee

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

Fete - 24 October 2014

- There are only **6 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.
 - DODGERS** have gone home with every student to sell. Please return all tickets and money to the P&C box in the office by 10 October. Unsold dodgers also need to be returned and placed in the P&C box.
 - RIDES WRISTBANDS** will be **ON SALE** every Thursday 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.
 - OUTSIDE STALLS** – Would you like to have your own market stall at our fete? For more information please email pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.
 - SHOWBAGS** – An order form has been sent home for pre-ordering showbags. A selection of showbags can be pre-ordered at a cost of \$8.00 each prior to the fete for collection at the fete. Showbags will be available for purchase at the fete for \$10.00 each. Please place orders in the P&C box in the office.
 - DONATIONS REQUIRED** – the following items are required to help make our stalls a success.
 - Potted plants
 - Packs of serviettes and paper plates
 - Tattoos
 - Brown paper bags
 - Clear cellophane
 - Bags of balloons
 - Coloured hair spray (half tins OK)
 - Second-hand books
- Please leave all donations with Kim at the tuckshop.**

Fete Sponsor Of The Week

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