**4A Class Information – Kirwan State School**

**Class location:** J Block

**Teacher's Name:** Miss Kristy Bailey (Term One) and Mrs Karen Horwood (Term 2-4)

**Classroom philosophy:**

4A prides itself on working towards the school motto of *Strive to Excel* by being Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners.

**Communication with Ms Bailey**

Parent interviews are held at the conclusion of Terms 1 and 3. Written reports are at the conclusion of Terms 2 and 4.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should your child be experiencing *any* difficulty at school. If I am oblivious to a problem I can not go about addressing it!

For short conversations I am available in the classroom at 8.30am and 2:50pm. For longer conversations/concerns, an organised appointment would be appreciated. I may be contacted via the school office.

**SWPBS**

Kirwan State Primary School is a State Wide Positive Behaviour School. Our school has 3 clear expectations, at Kirwan we are Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners. Each and every child is encouraged through our school wide ‘gotcha’ system which rewards students who demonstrate the appropriate behaviour across a variety of school settings.

4A has high expectation of the expected behaviour. The students and I have already designed a set of class expectations.

There are several in class reward systems to acknowledge and reward students that display safe, respectful and responsible behaviours. This includes individual, group and whole class rewards.

I believe Year 4 is a year where students are able to confidently demonstrate independence and responsibility, in both their social and academic behavioural choices.

**Absences**

Should your child be absent from school, it would be greatly appreciated if you contact the school to advise. This allows for effective roll marking.
**Parent Helpers**

We are happy to have parents come in and assist in the day to day routine; however, this is more effective if there is strong commitment to attend if you offer your services.

**Homework**

Homework is a requirement of Education Queensland. Homework will be handed out on Monday and is due to be handed in the following Friday.

Homework will consist of mainly literacy and numeracy items.

Students will also be expected to read at home. Students can borrow books from the library or read books that they already have at home.

It would be wonderful if someone in your family could take the time to listen to your child read. *Children learn to read by reading.* After reading, please also take the time to chat with your child about what they have just read. Reading is more than working out the words!! It is important that the child has understood what they have just read.

**Specialist Lessons – times:**

Specialist lessons are as follows:

- Library – Wednesday @ 8.50am – all students must have a library bag
- PE (Mrs Talbot) - Tuesday @ 8:50am
- Non-contact (health focus) – Tuesday @ 9:20am and Wednesday @ 12:00
- Religion – Tuesday @ 11.30pm
- Assembly – Monday @ 2pm
- Music (Mrs Ransom) – Friday @ 8:50am

**Curriculum overview**

The subjects of English, Maths, Science and History are now prescribed by the new Australian Curriculum.

**Excursions**

During the year there may be opportunities for excursions and guest speakers that relate to our in-class activities. Your child will be encouraged to participate, provided they display appropriate classroom and playground behaviour.
I am looking forward to working with the children and their carers throughout the year. Once again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Kristy Bailey