INVITATION

MEET AND GREET

Kirwan High Teachers would like to meet you.

Would you like to meet your child’s teacher?

A Meet and Greet will be held on Wednesday 26th February commencing at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

Refreshments will be supplied.

ALL WELCOME

My teachers and I look forward to meeting you.

John Livingston
Executive Principal
Kirwan High Year 12 student Janaya Barry is to be congratulated for participation in the Aboriginal Summer School in Technology and Science recently held in Adelaide.

Janaya met the Governor of South Australia, conducted scientific investigations and presented her finding to an audience which included representatives from all three Universities in Adelaide and some of the most respected Aboriginal Elders in Australia.

The organizers of the program congratulated Janaya on being very self-directed and thanked her for her great contribution to the group.

Executive Principal John Livingston said Janaya’s experience was typical of the many opportunities offered to students at Kirwan High.

CONGRATULATIONS To

• Harrison Farrell Year 10 who has been named in the Queensland U15 Hockey team. Harrison will compete at the National titles later in the year.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014
SCHOOL LIBRARY
7.00PM
ALL WELCOME

Senior Leaders’ Induction
Friday 2nd May
Performing Arts Centre
10.00am

All Year 12 parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

From the Rolls Office
Student absences are to be explained by a parent/caregiver to the Rolls Office. This may be done by phoning the school on 4773 8108 or by emailing absences@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au. Student absences of two or more days due to illness require a medical certificate. Medical Certificates should be emailed to the above email address or hand delivered to the Rolls Office. Your prompt assistance with explanation of absences will be greatly appreciated.
Kirwan High now has a Breakfast Club for all students offering a simple healthy breakfast on Wednesdays before school, 7.30 – 8.30 am, in the Student Support Centre. This is for all Year 8 students and for staff who have missed breakfast at home.

It's very important to eat a healthy breakfast every day.

Why?

Eating Breakfast improves academic performance, concentration and muscle coordination, improves behaviour and helps maintain a healthy weight range.

The program aims to model the importance of eating breakfast every day, encourage young people to choose healthy breakfast foods, promote skills to prepare simple healthy foods, develop social skills and hygiene skills. It’s a great way to learn about nutrition and to strengthen community spirit with the student group.

Many of the school’s support network are at Breakfast club, so it’s a great way for students to become familiar with them, as well as make new friends.

So come on Switch-on with Breakfast – it is the most important meal of the day.

Everyone is welcome.

Healthy Body, Healthy Life

Staying Healthy
Debbie Downie
**Female Flight Camp - RAAF Amberley**

Being a pilot in the Air Force is one of the most demanding, exclusive and sought after jobs in the world. Now you have the rare chance to experience a taste of life as an Air Force pilot with 'Flight Camp'. Flight Camp is a four day residential program designed to showcase the diverse activities aimed solely at young women who have an interest in flying. Held at RAAF Amberley near Ipswich, Flight Camp is designed to give participants a comprehensive overview of life in the Air Force, particularly as a pilot. The dynamic program will include flying in Air Force aircraft, an opportunity for some time in a flight simulator (potentially fast jet) and observing actual squadron operations. Serving Air Force pilots and other members will talk about their roles and personal experiences and what motivated them to become an Air Force pilot. As well, you will experience simulated weapons training, light physical training in the gym, leadership activities and supervised social events with female officers and mentors. The program will be continually supervised by experienced Air Force and civilian staff with accommodation provided in secure single rooms with en-suites included. All your meals will be in the Officers Mess. Each night, time will be given for phone and responsible social media contact with your friends and families. All participants will also be provided with, and wear, signature clothing and equipment. If your application to attend 'Flight Camp' is successful, comprehensive information will be provided in order for you to prepare. Why not try before you buy at: [www.defencejobs.gov.au/airforce/aviation/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/airforce/aviation/)

Last year, the RAAF trialled a 4 day Female Residential Flight Camp for young women interested in a flying career in the Air Force, to align with their Women in the Air Force priority. Last year's camp was a big success, however it was only open to students in the South East corner.

The Flight Camp is being run again this year and is open to all Queensland residents/students, which means that female students in our regions are able to apply.

The camp is run at RAAF Base Amberley from 10 - 13 June 2014. Students are provided with accommodation, meals, and 'uniforms' for the duration of the camp, so only airfare and travel to RAAF Amberley would need to be funded by the successful applicants. Students are fully supervised by RAAF and civilian female personnel at all times. A parent/guardian does need to be present at the info session on the first day to sign some additional consent forms and receive information about the camp.

A fairly stringent selection criteria forms part of the application and students must include a letter of endorsement from their school.

Note that successful applicants are selected by Air Force personnel who run the camp and not by the Work Experience Program team.

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**HOUSE HATS**

In Week 5, every student at our school will be issued with a hat in their house colours. This is part of our new sun safety campaign for 2014. It is an expectation that students will then have their hat with them at school every day and wear their house colours with pride!

Research tells us that UV radiation levels are highest during the middle of the day when students are at school and often engaged in a range of outdoor activities. It is imperative that we create a supportive environment and empower students to make safe choices to protect themselves from the sun.

We ask that you ensure that your student has their name and house group written clearly on their hat and encourage them to bring their hat to school each day.
Welcome to all Defence Force students and their families. As we start to settle into Term 1, I have had the opportunity to meet with a lot of new students and some of their families. If parents/carers and Defence Members would like to catch up for a chat, I would love you to contact me on 47738143.

Date claimers so far:

**Wednesday 5 March Period 3** - Pizza Party for all newly posted students from other locations. Come meet other Defence students from NSW, VIC, NT, UK and other locations. This is a great way to meet new friends.

**Moving Schools Workshop** – 4 session program for newly posted students to assist with making friends, coping with change and integration into our school community. Details will be given out at Pizza Party.

**Friday 7 March Period 4** - High Tea for Year 11 – 12 Girls only. This is an all of school activity NOT JUST DEFENCE STUDENTS. Come and drink chocolate and eat delicious cakes and slices. There will be large representation from ‘Women in Defence’ from all sections including representation from Brisbane. This is a special event that will give our female students an insight into ‘Women in Defence’ and the opportunities available. Major McBride will also deliver a leadership presentation. You must RSVP with myself – Lisa Hill lhill186@eq.edu.au or pop into my office in Learning Support.

**Friday 14 March Period 3** – Indigenous Career opportunities in ‘trade’ within Defence. For all indigenous students years 10 – 12 and their parents, not just Defence students. See myself or Sue Tabo for more details.

**Wednesday 30 April Period 3** – Deployment / Married Unaccompanied Workshop 2014. Please advise me if you have a Defence Member Deployed, deploying or Defence Member working away. This workshop will teach students coping strategies, and share with other students and learn from other students experiences. You must register with myself for further information.

**Monday 19 May – Thursday 22 May** – 4 Day Defence Student Camp to Echo Creek near Tully. This camp books out extremely fast and is limited in numbers. It is instructed by Defence Members and it is like a mini Defence Force Training. Activities include: early morning PT, abseiling, laser tag, military like obstacle course, raft-making, archery, survival skills and much more. Registration forms have been given out and need to be returned urgently to avoid disappointment.

**Friday 23 May** – Defence Day at Port. Senior students will have the opportunity to attend this Career Expo. They will have time to speak with members of all Defence from Army, Air Force and Navy and also walk through the Navy vessel. This is limited to 1 coach load from school and back. See myself to register and for further information.

Anzac Day – All of school community project. See myself if you are interested to assist.

Military Cadets required for School Anzac Ceremonies – See myself for details.
Would $1000 help you with your studies?

The NCWQ is proud to launch its 2014 bursary program for female students.

Do you
➢ Do you want to be a teacher?
➢ Is your home in regional or rural Queensland?
➢ Does a family member have cancer?
➢ Are you an Indigenous student?
➢ Are you keen to work in aged care?
➢ Do you have a disability or mental illness?
➢ Do you have a passion for volunteering?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible to apply.

Each of these bursaries has its own criteria. Most are for tertiary students, but several are for secondary students.

Go to the NCWQ website www.ncwq.org.au and follow the links for the bursary information.

Applications are open from
17 February to 4 April 2014
# SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Term 1
- **25/02/14** Indigenous Performer—Sean Chooburra at 1.40pm
- **26/02/14** Meet and Greet
- **26-27/02/14** Year 12 QCS Practice Test
- **27/02/14** Year 11 Science 21 Period 1—3—Field trip Aplins Weir
- **28/02/14** School photos
- **03/03/14** Clean Up Australia Day Competition
- **04/03/14** Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting and AGM
- **04-06/03/14** Year 9 NAPLAN practice
- **07-08/03/14** SHEP North Queensland
- **11/03/14** Year 11 Marine Science Fieldwork
- **12/03/14** Year 10 CME Fieldwork
- **12/03/14** Interschool Swimming Carnival
- **13-14/03/14** Year 12 State Philoso-thron
- **14/03/14** Year 11 Drama Excursion (after hours)
- **17-19/03/14** Year 8 and 10 immunisations
- **19/03/14** Year 12 QCS Workshop
- **20/03/14** Year 10 CME Fieldwork
- **21/03/14** Harmony Day
- **21/03/14** National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- **21/03/14** Wonders of Science
- **26-28/03/14** Indigenous Young Leaders Camp
- **27/03/14** Year 12 Marine Studies boating
- **31/03-04/04/14** Year 11 Work Experience
- **02/04/14** Year 9 Academic Excellence Workshop
- **01-04/04/14** Year 12 Leadership Camp
- **07-17/04/14** School Holidays
- **18/04/14** Good Friday
- **21/04/14** Easter Monday

## Term 2
- **22/04/14** Term 2 commences
- **24/04/14** Anzac Day Parade (at school)
- **25/04/14** Anzac Day Public Holiday
- **26-30/04/14** Fanfare Camp
- **28-30/04/14** Parent Teacher Interview Nights
- **02/05/14** Year 12 Senior Leaders’ induction
- **02/05/14** Music Department Concert
- **03-05/05/14** International Students Camp—Airlie Beach
- **06/05/14** Fanfare
- **08/05/14** SmartFutures 4 NO—Reid Park
- **13-15/05/14** NAPLAN
- **14/05/14** Year 11 Marine Science James Cook University excursion
- **15/05/14** VET Transition Forum
- **19/05/14** Year 12 Geography excursion to Castle Hill
- **20/05/14** FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo—Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre
- **20/05/14** ICAS Computer Skills testing
- **26/05/14** National Sorry Day
- **26/05/14** Y-Lead Day
- **28/05/14** Year 8 and 10 Australian History competition
- **02-07/06/14** School Musical
- **03/06/14** Mabo Day
- **04/06/14** ICAS Science testing
- **05/06/14** Certificate III Business Year 12 James Cook University
- **09/06/14** Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **09/06/14** Year 8 and 10 immunisations
- **15/06/14** International Students Program—Farewell BBQ
- **16-18/06/14** Year 8 and 10 immunisations
- **16-20/06/14** ICAS Writing testing
- **17/06/14** ICAS Spelling testing
- **17-19/06/14** UNI CREW—Yarning Up—Year 8
- **23-27/06/14** Year 11 and 12 Work Experience
- **24-27/06/14** Year 8 ESP Camp to Mungalli Falls
- **25-27/06/14** Year 8 and 9 Junior Leadership Camp
- **25/06/14** Year 12 QCS workshop
- **26-27/06/14** Year 12 QCS Practice Test
- **30/06-11/07/14** School Holidays

##Term 3
- **14/07/14** Term 3 commences
- **14-18/07/14** NAIDOC Week
- **14/07/14** International Student Program—Orientation First Day
- **15-17/07/14** Year 8 Practice NAPLAN
- **18/07/14** Year 12 James Cook University Experience Day
- **21-22/07/14** Year 8 Academic Excellence James Cook University visit
- **21/07/14** International Student Program—Official School Welcome

## Term 4 Continued
- **23/07/14** Year 12 QTAC presentation—Period 3
- **26/07-06/08/14** Kokugakuin Study Tour
- **28/07/14** Kokugakuin Study Tour Official Welcome Period 2
- **27/07/14** International Students Program—Homestay Families Welcome BBQ
- **28-30/07/14** Year 12 QTAC interviews
- **28-29/07/14** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspiration Program (ATSIAIP)
- **29/07/14** ICAS English testing
- **30-31/07/14** Special Education Challenge Games (2 day Track and Field Athletics Carnival for students with a disability)
- **31/07-02/08/14** Year 11 Biology Camp
- **02/08/14** Arts Department Cabaret
- **05/08/14** Kokugakuin Study Tour—Farewell BBQ and Concert
- **05/08/14** Parent Teacher Interview Night
- **06/08/14** OMEA Toolkit for Schools Day
- **07/08/14** Australian Mathematics Competition
- **08/08/14** Year 12 Science 21 Pallarenda Field trip
- **10-11/08/14** Year 10 CME Bowen trip (fieldwork)
- **12/08/14** Year 10 Career Day
- **12/08/14** Year 10 Subject Selection Parent Evening—7.00pm
- **12/08/14** ICAS Mathematics testing
- **13/08/14** Year 10 CME (fieldwork) — period 3 and 4 only
- **13/08/14** Year 8 Subject Selection Parent Evening—7.00pm
- **13-15/08/14** Year 8, 9 and 10 Academic Excellence Writer in Residence
- **14-16/08/14** Year 11 Marine Science Fieldtrip
- **21-23/08/14** Year 12 Marine Science Fieldtrip
- **23-24/08/14** Relay for Life
- **25-26/08/14** Year 10 SET Plan interviews
- **02-03/09/14** Year 12 QCS Test
- **12/09-14/09/14** International Students Program Camp—Airlie Beach
- **15-19/09/14** Year 10 and 12 Work Experience
- **15-19/09/14** Beacon Week Year 10
- **17-19/09/14** Year 11 Gender Camps
- **22-09-10/14** School Holidays
- **08/10/14** Labour Day Public Holiday

## Term 4
- **07/10/14** Term 4 commences
- **10/10/14** World Mental Health Day
- **15/10/14** Year 10 CME Fieldwork
- **20/10/14** Pupil Free Day
- **20/10/14** Sports Awards Night
- **21-22/10/14** Year 8 and 10 immunisations
- **22/10/14** Vocational Education Awards
- **31/10/14** Year 10 Geography excursion to Reef HQ and The Strand
- **05/11/14** Year 10, 11 and 12 Graduation and Awards Night
- **07/11/14** Year 9 Geography excursion to Townsville Port
- **09/11/14** International Students Program—Farewell BBQ
- **11/11/14** Remembrance Day
- **14/11/14** Arts Expo
- **14/11/14** Special Education Awards Night
- **17-20/11/14** Year 12 Activities Week
- **21/11-14** Year 12 Rite of Passage
- **21/11-14** Final Day for Year 12
- **24-28/11/14** Year 10 Work Experience
- **24/11/14** Year 11 QCS Workshop
- **25-26/11/14** Year 11 QCS Practice test
- **26/11/14** Certificate III Business Year 11 James Cook University
- **28-29/11/14** Year 11 Leadership Training
- **28/11/14** Final day for Year 10 and 11
- **02/12/14** Musicians’ Farewell
- **11/12/14** Year 8 and 9 Awards Night
- **12/12/14** Final Day for Year 8 and 9

## 2015
- **27/01/15** Term 1 commences

## YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE
- For 2014 - 21 November

## YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE
- For 2014 - 28 November

## YEARS 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE
- For 2014 - 12 December