MUSICAL TALENT

Kirwan High has many talented musical students. Michelle Liu has been selected for the Musically Outstanding Student program and Aydin Hammond has been selected in the orchestra for Creative Generation.

The Musically Outstanding Student program is conducted by Education Queensland in June every two years. Seventy-seven of Queensland’s top young musicians are gathered together in Brisbane to form and work together as an orchestra. Students are exposed to top conductors and musicians. This year James Morrison will be their special mentor. Michelle plays the violin, the piano and sings. This is the second time she has been selected.

Creative Generation is a performance extravaganza which Education Queensland produces in July every year. The very best young musicians, dancers and singers are selected to perform at the Convention Centre in Brisbane. Aydin will play the trumpet in the orchestra. This is the first time Aydin has participated and he is looking forward to what will be a once in a lifetime experience.

Executive Principal John Livingston said the achievements of Michelle and Aydin show that Kirwan’s Music programs are amongst the best in the state.

QUEENSLANDERS

Kirwan High congratulates past students Kierran Moseley, Nene MacDonald and Rhyse Martin on their selection for the Queensland U20s State of Origin Team. All are proud products of the Kirwan High Rugby League Excellence Program.

All students travelled from their home towns to take advantage of Kirwan’s Sports Excellence program. Kierran came from Cloncurry, Nene from Cairns and Rhyse from Proserpine.

All are now with NRL clubs based in Sydney. Kierran was head hunted by Phil Gould for Penrith Panthers who are so far unbeaten in the U20 competition while Nene and Rhyse are forging their careers with the Sydney Roosters. Rhyse is captain of the U20s team.

Kirwan High Executive Principal John Livingston said the school was very proud of its Rugby League tradition which includes players like Brent Webb, George Gatis, Michael Luck, Aaron Payne, Jacob Lillyman, Sam Thaiday, Jason Taumalolo and Ray Thompson.
Rostrum Success for Stephanie

Year 10 student Stephanie Mee is headed to Brisbane in June for the State Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking competition. Stephanie won her Townsville heat back in April with her prepared speech *A Good Book*. She then represented Townsville in the Junior Division of the competition and won the Northern Regional Final against students from Charters Towers and the Burdekin. At this stage of the competition, Stephanie had to also prepare a short notice impromptu speech. The adjudicators commended Stephanie on both her speeches, saying she has a natural talent for public speaking. Stephanie will have to prepare a new speech for the State Final, which will be at Parliament House on June 29.

SPORT RESULTS

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The 2013 Townsville Secondary School Cross Country was held on Tuesday May 21 at Bicentennial Park. In some overcast and windy conditions, Kirwan High had forty competitors who represented themselves with pride and gave their all for the school.

We had some fantastic efforts on the day, resulting in four of our students qualifying for the next level. Our day started off perfectly with Michael Frazer blitzing the field in the 13 Year Boys to register a win in the first secondary-aged event of the day. Joseph Newsham was our next competitor to qualify for the North Queensland team, finishing sixth in the 15 Year Boys age group. Not to be outdone, our girls finished off the day well with Nicholea Price (15 Girls) and Laken Currey (13 Girls) finishing 4th and 5th respectively in their age groups. Well done to all the students who participated on the day and congratulations to our four students who will be representing Kirwan and North Queensland at the State Championships later in the year.

Ricky Sullivan

INTERSCHOOL BLOCK SPORT

Interschool Block Sport results for this term are as follows:

**U14 Rugby Union**
Kirwan defeated St Anthony’s 20—15
Kirwan defeated Cathedral 20—15
Kirwan defeated Ignatius Park 29—12

**Open Girls Hockey**
Kirwan defeated Gilroy Santa Maria 4—1
Kirwan v William Ross 2—2 draw
Kirwan defeated St Patrick’s 4—0

**U15 Boys Basketball**
Kirwan defeated Cleveland 35—34
Kirwan defeated Thuringowa 48—22
Kirwan defeated Heatley 50—21

**Bill Turner Trophy**
U15 Girls Football (Soccer)
Kirwan defeated St Margaret Mary’s 2—0
Kirwan v William Ross 2—2 draw

**Bill Turner Cup**
U15 Boys Football (Soccer)
Kirwan defeated Ignatius Park 3—2

**Aaron Payne Cup**
Rugby League
U13—Kirwan defeated Abergowrie 64—0
U15—Kirwan defeated Abergowrie 90—0
Opens—Kirwan Bears defeated Abergowrie 40—10
Student of the Week

COOK HOUSE

Nehi Clark

ELLIO T

Shonay Lomas

Elliot

Shannon Irons

Zippy Pedro

LOUISA

Rebecca Beerwald
KIRWAN HIGH SCHOOL Presents

Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June
Townsville Civic Theatre
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
Adults $35, Concession $30, School Students $20
Tickets available at www.ticketshop.com.au,
4727 9797,
Townsville Civic Theatre or Riverway Arts Centre

Year 12 students and University Experience Visit

Year 12s will have the opportunity to visit James Cook University to experience University life for a day in Term 3. Students will receive letters this week and these will need to be returned to Vicki James Guidance Officer. The date of Uni Experience day is Thursday 18 July. Anyone who is thinking about attending University should attend.

Special Education Parent Support Program

Our Special Education Department is in the process of forming a Parent Support Program for parents and carers of students with a disability at Kirwan High. We know that sometimes parents and carers are not aware of all the amazing personnel, companies, and government agencies available to support them through the various stages of raising and supporting a child with a disability. The Special Education Program Parent Group will facilitate networking and valuable information sharing between parents, carers, and support agencies.

Special Education Program Teacher Aide Trishell Henderson is enthusiastically volunteering her time to act as a contact for parents and carers, providing a starting point to understanding what support structures exist in our region. We are hoping to have the funds to develop this into a formal Special Education Program Parent Support Aide role in the future. Trishell is also coordinating Parent Information Evenings every term to provide parents with valuable disability information and direct access to community organisations.

We had a great response to our first Parent Information Evening on the 15th May and would like to thank Lynne Derry for her presentation on Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Kylie Murphy from Uniting Care for taking the time to explain the opportunities her organisation can provide to our students and their families. We are planning our next Information Evening for Week 4 of next term.

Dimity Barnes
Head of Special Education Services

Congratulations to Danielle Chappel and Natasha Dulac who have been selected to participate in the QTIC Salute to Excellence Skills Testing Day on Monday 24th June 2013 at Southbank Institute of TAFE in Brisbane.

The day will involve an interview with a judge of their nominated category (Food and Beverage), as well as a practical workshop for them to demonstrate their skills. We wish them every luck. This is the first time our Tourism and Hospitality students have been shortlisted for this award.

Well done girls!

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Kirwan High boasts a wonderful and ever-growing, multi-cultural community. There are many reasons to celebrate this and one is ‘great food’. This year I am putting together a recipe book that reflects our wonderful community.

What can you do? You can send me a special family recipe. If you have a story that connects to your recipe, send me that too. You may even like to do a drawing of the food or celebration….and you can send me that too. For example, one side of my family are Sicilian. Every year around July, we would pick the vine ripened tomatoes from my Nonno’s (Grandfather) garden. It was a very large garden. My Nonna (Grandmother), Mum, Dad, Auntie, Uncle and all extended family would spend an entire day, pushing the tomatoes through this machine and we kids used to take turns turning the handle that churned the fruit. The tomato pulp was cooked in large pots and then bottled. Pasta was cooked for lunch and Braciola. This was so delicious and I remember those days with much love in my heart. I will be including these recipes and story in our cookbook.

On the other hand, you don’t have to have a story, just send me a yummy recipe as simple as toasties, or pancakes. I am really looking forward to what our Kirwan High community brings to our multicultural table. There will be art competitions surrounding recipes and much more. Watch this space.

You can either email me on aheri3@eq.edu.au or drop your recipe into school. I am based in the Performing Arts department. My direct number is 47738161. Just make sure that your full name is on the word document itself and home contact details should I need to ask you any questions.

Buon ricetta scrittura! (Happy recipe writing)

Adriana Hering—Art Coordinator
Great habits can last a lifetime!

Kick start a new approach to health with these habits to last a lifetime.

- Be kind to your feet – more than half of common foot problems are caused by ill fitting shoes, so make sure when buying shoes that they fit with enough space so your feet aren’t cramped up. After all, most of us need them for a lifetime of carrying us around.
- Chew gum – chewing a non sugared gum after meals is an essential part of oral hygiene. Dentists recommend brushing really well once a day to stop tooth decay, and chewing gum after meals to stimulate saliva production to prevent gum disease.
- Eat more fish – eating more fish is definitely a wise health move, as there does appear to be health benefits in fish oils. We know the Japanese are great fish eaters and live longer than anyone else in the world. You can’t go wrong with replacing a couple of meat meals with fish meals each week.
- Use sunscreen – put on SPF30+ sunscreen, wear a hat and seek out the shade.
- De-stress regularly – take time out each day to slow down your mind. Take 10minutes in a quiet place, breath slowly and let your thoughts go and calm the mind.
- Have a laugh – seeing the lighter side of life is good for you. Studies suggest that laughter boosts the immune system and reduces stress.
- Get walking – walking for 30 minutes on most days or every other day will help reduce the risk of heart disease and other chronic health problems.
- Vegie out – to live longer and healthier, experts urge you to eat 5 serves of vegies and 2 of fruit everyday.

Need more information – just contact Debbie or pop in and see me in the Student Support Centre.

Keeping healthy
Debbie
School Based Youth Health Nurse

Language Perfect World Championships

At the moment, Kirwan State High students are competing in the Language Perfect World Cup. Language Perfect is an online software which facilitates language acquisition and vocabulary retention. Japanese and French language students in Years 8 to 12 have been competing against schools throughout the world to try and learn the most words. With each word learnt, students earn points which then place them in the draw for prizes. Kirwan students are representing our school with pride and enthusiasm. The competition started on the 20th May and concluded on the 30th May. As of last Wednesday morning, our school was placed 6th (out of 40 schools) in Queensland for our category. Our overall competition standing against schools from across the world is also fantastic with Kirwan High being 85th (out of 761 schools) for Japanese and 193rd (out 820 schools) for French.

Thank you to all the parents who are supporting their students with the Language Perfect World Championships at home.

Taryn DOWRICK
Japanese Teacher
FUNDRAISER FOR LILLY-JANE THOMAS YEAR 8

Lilly-Jane Thomas, Year 8, has been selected in the Australian team to attend the World Performing Arts Championships in Los Angeles.

The following fundraising events have been organized to assist Lilly-Jane with her travel expenses:

Friday 7th June: Mini Golf at Adventure Mini Golf across from the showgrounds. 6.00pm till 8.00pm. Fifty percent of mini golf profits to go towards Lilly’s trip.

Wednesday 19th June: Movie Night at Events Cinemas, Sturt Street. The movie starts at 6.30pm. Tickets are $16.00 and are available from Phillippa Thomas on 0451 176 476 or Lilly.

PIMLICO STATE HIGH SCHOOL 30 YEAR REUNION

The Pimlico State High School (Townsville) Class of 1983 is having a 30 year reunion between 27th - 29th September 2013. Past students (including those who finished Year 10 in 1981 or Year 11 in 1982) and teachers from 1979-83 are most welcome.

We are hosting a number of reunion events over the course of the weekend. To keep updated with planning and events please contact the Committee at Pimlico1983@gmail.com or visit our blog at pimlico1983.com.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

There are limited vacancies available for students in Years 11 or 12 to study a Certificate IV in Justice Studies and Diploma of Engineering Technical (CAD) on a Wednesday in semester 2.

In Semester 2 the cost for Justice will be $53 and the cost for CAD will be $163 including ID card.

Students will need to enrol and pay fees before 30 June to be eligible for the current funding.

Interested students can see Ms Jane in the VET office for a new student form.