IMPORTANT INFORMATION NIGHTS
TERM 3

♦ 6 August - Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Parent Information Night at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

♦ 7 August - Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Parent Information Night at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

♦ 3 September - Year 7 into 8 Information Night at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 12 PARENTS
QTAC and QCS Presentation
We extend an invitation to all Year 12 parents whose student is OP eligible and those who wish to apply for Tertiary Entrance in 2014 to attend an evening on Wednesday 24th July commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Performing Arts block.

Vicki James (Guidance Officer), Andy Carter (Head of Department Data Analysis), and Meredith Wenta (Principal) will present to parents some vital information about how to apply for QTAC, OP and QCS Test.

This is an important presentation and we would highly recommend all Year 12 OP and QTAC students’ parents attend.

QTAC PRESENTATION
All Year 12 students wishing to apply for Tertiary in 2014 must attend a QTAC presentation on Wednesday 17th July during Period 4 in the Performing Arts Block. Presentation will be given by Guidance Officer Vicki James.

JCU OPEN DAY
James Cook University’s Open Day dates have been confirmed and are a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to visit the campus, tour the facilities and speak with experts. Sign up to the general mailing list to make sure you receive program details as they are released. The Open Day will be on Saturday 31st August 10.00am-2.00pm.

Uni Experience Day for Year 12 students is on Thursday 18th July 9.00am—2.30pm (with Guidance Officer Vicki James).

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
The Parents and Citizens’ Association meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month commencing at 7.00pm in the school Library. Meetings for 2013 are:

Tuesday 13th August
Tuesday 10th September
Tuesday 8th October
Tuesday 12th November

RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Are you a Year 10 or 11 student with a passion for academics, sports or the community? Then the Returned and Services League (RSL) of Australia and Bond University want to hear from you! Students will be given the opportunity to share in over $500,000 worth of grants. Apply now for your opportunity to benefit from this program. Applications close November 11, 2013. For more information or to apply visit: www.RSLyouth.com.au
Recruiting NOW!! Host families wanted!
Japanese Study Tour 27 July – 7 August 2013 (11 nights)

We are hosting 25 students from Kokugakuin High School in Japan. There are 13 girls and 12 boys with ages between 15 and 16 years. They will be arriving at Kirwan State High School on Saturday afternoon 27th July.

This is a great chance for your family to homestay these students for the 12 days. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to improve their cultural understanding of Japan.

The requirements for Homestaying these students:
- 3 meals per day (including a school lunch and snack)
- Transport to and from school with a family member
- English spoken at home
- Room or share room with own bed for the Japanese student
- Dual placements allowed

Homestay families receive $330 (tax free) per student
If you are interested in hosting one of these Japanese students contact Ms Duve 47738165 or Ms Hawkins 47738189 or see Ms Hawkins in the Library.

READY TO TACKLE STUDENTS

Local Townsville students will return to school ready to tackle their science and maths studies, following a week-long engineering experience in Mount Isa over the holidays. Seven Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) students from Kirwan State High School, with an interest in a career in engineering in either a trade or professional capacity, took part in the QMEA Mount Isa Mines Engineering Challenges. Students worked collaboratively with industry representatives to solve challenging problems while also learning more about Glencore’s Mount Isa Mines operation through site and workshop visits.

Jade Sparks from Kirwan has decided she would like to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer in the resources sector following her participation in the QMEA ‘Make It Now with Engineering’ (MINE) Challenge. ‘The challenge allowed me to work with other students and Mount Isa Mines staff to identify options for the re-use of waste water from local power stations,’ she said. ‘We provided suggestions on how to reduce the reliance and impact on the regional water network.”

‘As a north-Queenslander I understand the importance of sustainable water use. This was a great opportunity to use my experiences and curriculum knowledge to suggest solutions for industry,’ Jade said.

The MINE Challenges are about providing a real-world context for participants,’ said QMEA Project Officer Robyn Flexman. ‘These experiences are the best way to confirm career choices for students.”

Six trade-based students from Kirwan took part in the ‘Make It Now in Trades’ (MINT) Challenge which saw them complete four days of intensive trade training with staff from the Mount Isa Mines Skills Centre, before putting their knowledge in to practise, as they designed and constructed (to industry standards) a motorised bicycle.

Students used a variety of basic trade skills including welding, mechanics, electrical wiring and basic operational maintenance to ensure their designs were in good working order before being tested for performance.

One student commented that ‘this experience has proved how important it is to work together and share skills and knowledge when solving problems – it has also proved that girls can do anything!’

‘It’s vital that we provide trade pathway programs to young people to encourage them to take up apprenticeships and traineeships in skills shortage areas,’ said QMEA Director Roger Atkins. ‘The QMEA is working with schools, industry and training providers to ensure a range of opportunities are available to young people who wish to pursue a trade career in the resources sector’, he added.

The QMEA is a virtual academy that engages with students and teachers from 34 schools across the state. Further information about the QMEA is available at www.qmea.org.au
IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3
18/07/13 Year 12 James Cook University visit
19/07/13 Interhouse Athletics Carnival
22-24/07/13 NAIDOC Week activities
30/07/13 White card course
30-31/07/13 Parent Teacher Interviews
31/07/13 ICAS English competition
01/08/13 Australian Mathematics Competition
06/08/13 Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Parent Information Night—7pm-Performing Arts Centre
07/08/13 Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Parent Information Night—7pm-Performing Arts Centre
09/08/13 Secondary Japanese Speech Competition
12/08/13 Townsville Career Expo—RSL Stadium—10.00am to 1.30pm and 4.00pm to 7.00pm
13/08/13 ICAS Competition—Mathematics Interschool Athletics—Gold
14/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Blue
15/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Both
16/08/13 National Schoolboy Rugby League Cup Queensland Final
18/08/13 Year 12 James Cook University visit
23/08/13 Daffodil Day
23-24/08/13 North Queensland All Schools Touch Football
03/09/13 Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Night
03-04/09/13 QCS test
04/09/13 North Queensland Athletics Carnival
11-29/09/13 Townsville Eisteddfod
16-20/09/13 Industry Placement Year 11 and 12 Childcare
16-20/09/13 Year 10, 11 and 12 Work Experience
18-20/09/13 Year 11 Girls/Boys Camps
18-21/09/13 National Youth Championships Touch Football (Boys and Girls) Sunshine Coast
23/09-04/10/13 School Holidays
07/10/13 Labour Day Holidays
07/10/13 08/13 Labour Day Holidays
23/09-04/10/13 School Holidays
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15/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Both
16/08/13 National Schoolboy Rugby League Cup Queensland Final
17/08/13 Arts Department Cabaret
23/08/13 Daffodil Day
23-24/08/13 North Queensland All Schools Touch Football
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DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
The Defence Work Experience Program and 27SQN RAAF Base Townsville are hosting the next one day visit to the RAAF Base on Wednesday 24th July. As part of the visit, students may participate in the following activities:

• Briefing on safety, security, expectations, RAAF Townsville units etc.
• Visit a number of units on base, allowing students to see, handle and learn about a range of Air Force equipment.
• Focus on the range of career opportunities that are available in the RAAF.
• Lunch at the Airmen’s Mess.
• Participation in an Air Force Physical Training Activity.
• Discussions and questions and answers with airmen and airwomen at the RAAF Base.
• Information session by Defence Force Recruiting.

The visits are aimed at (but not limited to) Year 10 students who may be considering a Defence career but who would like more information on the range of units residing at RAAF Base Townsville, the many careers available and the roles and responsibilities of personnel in those jobs. Please note that students must be 15 years or older to participate in the visit. There is a cost of $6 for lunch, payable upon entry to the Airmen’s Mess. Visits will run from approximately 8.30am to 3.30pm.

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Email: info@wep.org.au

WEP SCHOLARSHIPS
This is a wonderful opportunity for current Year 9 students, motivated to complement their Year 10 studies with a semester or year-long student exchange experience. WEP is awarding two $3000 scholarships towards semester and year-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014 (February or July/August departure). There is no language pre-requisite for Argentina. The top 10 short-listed applicants for each scholarship will also receive a $500 discount (for China) or $750 discount (for Argentina) towards a semester or year program commencing in 2014.

Certificate III in the following areas are on offer to Year 11 Indigenous students as a School Based Traineeship:

- Disability Support Worker
- Community Services Worker
- Chef
- Administration

Any student interested please come and see Ms Jane in the VET Office.

LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
Kirwan State High School recently came third in the 2013 Language Perfect World Championships Townsville Grammar School came first with a total of 196,109 points and a $500 voucher. In second place were St Margaret Mary's College with a total score of 100,259 points, and Kirwan High in third with a total score 67,268 points.

Well done to all the schools in both Townsville and Cairns, their students and teachers who participated in the Language Perfect World Championships 2013. Thank you for your enthusiasm in supporting second language education in our region!