On Thursday 30th July Kirwan High held its annual Proud Public School Event. Each year at this event we celebrate the quality education that is provided to every child in a state school.

We believe that through a public education every student acquires strong values. They experience the joy of learning with a diverse group of fellow students whose life experiences differ from their own. They learn to respect and celebrate this difference and they are taught the skills required for different cultures to live together harmoniously. These are lessons for life to prepare young people for a bright future.

At Kirwan High, we believe that our diversity is our strength. We describe ourselves as a School for Everybody, a World Class School which provides educational excellence for every student to prepare them for a successful future. We pride ourselves on our highly acclaimed academic tradition. We are a strong community in which students and staff work together to make Kirwan High a good school and a great place to be. We are a proud public school.

During our ceremony we celebrated the great achievements of some of our past graduates, who have gone on to lead successful lives and achieved great things in their chosen career. They included:

Kevin Filippi 1989
Suellen Onslow 1996
Trent Bell 2007
Simon McInnes 1997
Chole Gage 2005
Jodie Nordine 2010
Jade Hourigan-Scammell 2010
Rebecca Connolly 1998

We also acknowledged five staff members who have dedicated decades of their lives to improving the life chances of our students. They included teaching staff Gary Gage and Elena Hawkins, and administration staff Geraldine Glazier and Heather Chapman.

The prestigious event was attended by Mr Aaron Harper MP, Member for Thuringowa; Councillor Jenny Hill – Mayor of Townsville; Councillor Gary Eddiehausen; Councillor Pat Ernst; Mr Ryan Daniel – Chair, School Council; Ms Shan Delany – Vice President, Parents and Citizens’ Association; our CIS visitors; Ms Christine Green and Ms Ruth Bunyan; Mr Livingston’s sister – Ms Lisa Preston; Year 12 students, teachers and members of our school Executive Team.

Meredith Wenta
Acting Executive Principal

08/09/15 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting
DEFENCE NEWS
Hello to all students, parents and carers.
The past two weeks have flown by. It has been fantastic meeting with many of our Defence Force students. Thank you so much for popping in and introducing yourself. I have had parents advise me of important events and I encourage all families to do the same. It is so great to be able to support our families in times of need. If you are going through a deployment, just been through a deployment or have a family member ready to deploy, please let me know. Also please let me know if you are MWDU.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers that have been referring students for my attention. It is quite common for changes to take place when there is a deployment or MWDU. I do have programs in place to assist students during these times.

If you would like to have your student enrolled in the following programs, please contact me lhill186@eq.edu.au or 47738143. Alternatively, your student can put their name down. I am located in FY02.

- Deployment program - commences Aug
- MWDU program – commences August
- Posting out / Moving schools Program
- School Camp in Term 4
- Rollercoaster at Lavarack Barracks
- Open Day at Lavarack Barracks – Fri 4 September

Please let me know if you are posting out at the end of the year, or if you have a parent deployed. This is very important so I can assist you and support you through this change.

DEFENCE STUDENT CAMP – Term 4
There is a big request from Defence students to run another ‘Bootcamp’ for Defence Students. I really need Defence member support to make this a Defence Camp. In the past years, we have had tremendous support with member attendance making it like a mini Kapooka. Without Defence members, it is not a Defence Camp. We need your support. Please contact me for more details.

If parents or carers would like to have a catch up meeting, please contact me on 4773 8143. I am looking forward to meeting up with everyone again and offering support where ever I can.

Kind regards
Lisa Hill
Defence Transition Mentor

SCARTWATER AND CUNNINGHAM SCHOLARSHIPS -2015
The Board Members of the Scartwater Education Trust are pleased to advise that once again applications are sought for both Scartwater and Cunningham Scholarships for 2016. The Scartwater area, broadly defined, runs from Proserpine to Innisfail and back to the Western border.

The Scartwater Scholarship will be awarded upon the results obtained in Year 10 and is designed to assist a student to continue full time studies through Years 11 and 12. The allowance presently payable under the scholarship is $1000.00 per annum. Terms and conditions in relation to the scholarship are provided in the enclosed documentation.

The Cunningham Scholarship will be awarded upon the results obtained in Years 11 and 12 and are designed to enable a student to undertake full time studies in an approved Tertiary course at an approved University. The allowance presently payable under the Scholarship is $2000.00 per annum.

Applications must be forwarded to the Secretary by 30th November at the address below.

Secretary Scartwater Trust
48 Glendale Dve. Annandale Q 4814

Phone (07) 46 573871
Mobile 0428 334720 ( Please leave a message if not answered)

Email: geoffreyw@skymesh.com.au

Further inquiries and copies of the application can be made at Townsville RSL Inc. on 47 599599 or to geoffreyw@skymesh.com.au
CHANGES AFOOT

Kirwan Library is going through a makeover, with new lounges, new improved shelving, and a revitalised collection. We have been updating our fiction and non-fiction collection, with new authors, books made into movies and other current titles. These have proven popular with the students, with a waiting list on some novels. We are also moving into digital resources. Students can currently access these through the Library Catalogue, on any computer in the school, via the Inschool Homepage, Current Issues, World Book online and other websites are listed on the catalogue as well.

Literacy was the focus last semester, with most LPR classes having a Library Orientation and regular borrowing sessions. Our Readers’ Cup Team participated in the North Queensland Readers’ Cup competition against 10 other schools, and we had author David Metzenthen and illustrator David Legge speak to English, Art and Graphics classes.

Please note
As always, please return any books that have a Kirwan barcode or stamp on them as many students are awaiting the return of these popular titles.

SAYONARA FROM KOKUGAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL

For eleven days Kirwan has been host to twenty Japanese students and their teachers from Kokugakuin High School. Twelve girls and eight boys flew from Tokyo, stayed 12 days, and then flew back to Japan on 5th August. Many would say it was a long way to come to visit Kirwan High, but the time that they spent at Kirwan was action packed and very memorable for each and every one of them.

Over the seven school days the Kokugakuin students were involved in a Welcome Ceremony, learnt how to throw boomerangs and spears using a woomera. The boys learnt how to play the didgeridoo and how to paint patterns on boomerangs. The students also created message stones and ti-tree bark art.

There were many teachers involved in the 12 day program including Ms Stanton Cook and Mr Morrison who were truly fantastic in teaching the Kokugakuin students English. They certainly helped to make their stay at Kirwan very special indeed. Mr Beattie and Ms Chapman and their Hospitality students showed them how to make lamingtons, pavlovas, Cheesymite scrolls, fairy bread and Aussie animal biscuits. The Kokugakuin and Hospitality students certainly liked eating the results!

The students really enjoyed Ms Tillack’s Dance class where they learnt bush dancing. The fun and laughter was so spontaneous. During their stay they also had an amazing time competing in a fun filled session playing Aussie Games with Mr Gage and his Outdoor Education Students. Mr Boyd’s Construction class were amazing, patiently showing the Japanese students how to use workshop tools to make bull roarers (as in Crocodile Dundee) out of plywood. They taught them well as the end products all made a roaring noise.

The Japanese students also enjoyed meeting and sharing their culture with our students in Years 7 through to Year 12 who are learning Japanese. The experience for our students was fantastic, and as one student said “what a way to learn about Japan- with a real Japanese student”. These visits have already enthused more of our students to take Japanese as a subject here at Kirwan.

Our Kirwan High students need to be congratulated. The homestay and school buddies were excellent ambassadors for Kirwan, as were our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who enjoyed sharing their cultures with the Kokugakuin students.

During the lunch breaks the Kokugakuin students enjoyed our North Queensland hospitality and great North Queensland winter. Coming from a multi-storey school in the centre of Tokyo, it was a real treat to sit on grass, under the trees and with birds singing.

The Farewell BBQ on Tuesday night was a wonderful event with both Australian and Japanese cultures being shared in a truly joyful atmosphere but also bittersweet that this magical time was at an end.

I am sure that Kokugakuin High School will return again next year (this is their fourth year with us) to once again enjoy our special and unique Kirwan hospitality. The cultural sharing and understanding that resulted from this visit by Kokugakuin High School was palpable, and the obvious enjoyment by all will provide a lasting memory not only for the Kokugakuin students but for the staff and students at Kirwan High as well.

Sister school exchanges such as this provide valuable opportunities for Kirwan students to engage with native speakers of Japanese, as well as deepen their appreciation of Japanese culture. This is a valuable experience that happens annually at Kirwan, and is accessible for any student studying Japanese in years 7-12. If any students are interested in continuing to learn Japanese in 2016 and would like more information about the subject, please contact any of our Japanese teachers for further information.
GOOD LUCK, YOUNG DIPLOMATS

On the 28th August, a group of Year 10 students will be attending James Cook University to participate in the annual Young Diplomats Debating competition. The competition asks teams to assume the identity of diplomats from various countries, who debate key global and political issues. This year our students are discussing the concerns and problems surrounding the role of the G20 Committee in terms of Sustainable Development. This involves students researching and presenting a range of information on related issues such as Youth Unemployment, Poverty Reduction, Food Security and Foreign Aid.

Students are required to prepare a group presentation on the issue from the perspective of their country, as well as engage in diplomatic round table discussions with other represented countries from a variety schools across Townsville and Cairns. Each team also nominates a key speaker to summarise their position at the end of the day. Each year the key speaker with highest amount of points is awarded the opportunity to visit the nation’s capital, Canberra. This year, our Young Diplomats are Jazz Manwaring, Skye Dodds, Madelyn Lowe, Ysabel Abordo, Reyna Javelona and Samantha Sam. Please wish them all the best in this endeavour!

If you are currently a Year 9 student that has an interest in debating, politics, global issues, legal studies or diplomacy, you may be a prime candidate for the Young Diplomats program in 2016! Please register your interest with your History teacher.

TRIUMPHANT IN THE TRENCHES

Year 9 students are currently involved in a study surrounding the events of World War I and the conditions for Australian servicemen who fought in the War. Recently our Year 9 Academic Excellence students have had a number of hands-on experiences to deepen their understanding of the conditions and trials that soldiers would have had to endure in the Great War.

On 7th August, Year 9 students were visited by Lieutenant Bill Howieson and Lieutenant Kyle Ferguson from 1RAR. The Lieutenants shared their experiences in the Australian Defence Force, answering all of students’ questions about the role of the modern day soldier, both in Australia and abroad.

Recently, students also challenged themselves to develop the skills of team work and collaboration as they undertook a trenches challenge. Students from 9T recreated the trench warfare of World War I in the school’s quadrangle. Students were required to compete in teams, completing a series of physical endurance challenges as they crossed through ‘No Man’s Land’ into enemy territory.

The combination of the Lieutenants’ visit, along with the trenches’ challenge, has enabled students to gain an even deeper understanding of the experiences of Australia’s servicemen and servicewomen, both past present.

LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS 2015

On Wednesday 15th July, our Language Ambassadors attended their annual conference at James Cook University. The aim of the conference was to develop the students’ capacity to promote language awareness within their school. This may be through visits to classrooms, organising languages activities, and participating in languages competitions. Since the commencement of our Young Language Ambassadors at Kirwan High, our students have:

• Attended the 2014 Language Ambassadors Conference and collaborated with other school’s Ambassadors
• Advertised and hosted our Movie Night in Term 1
• Developed newsletter articles to promote languages and events in the school
• Initiated the Anime Club, which runs every Monday at first lunch
• Developed submissions for the CAN film festival

The Language Ambassadors are recruiting and expanding! If you are currently studying a language (either French or Japanese) and/or are studying a language in 2016, please see your Languages teacher to register your interest to be part of the Language Ambassadors program! We are always seeking enthusiastic, passionate and globally aware students from Years 7-12 to assist our programs further.

HEALTH MATTERS

Scoliosis Self Detection Program

Scoliosis self-detection and awareness are promoted during the months of July and August. Scoliosis or curvature of the spine is an important health problem for adolescent girls with 25 per 1000 at risk of developing a significant curvature of the spine. In the early stages scoliosis usually has no symptoms, so screening in the age range 11 – 13 years is a sound preventative health measure.

Scoliosis Australia has developed a self-detection program entails the distribution of a simple brochure available at [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) for the target age group (11-13 years of age) in which the outward signs of scoliosis are described. If, after reading the brochure, a girl or her parents think she may have a curvature then follow-up with the family doctor is recommended.

The website is also a great source of information and advice about the symptoms and treatment of scoliosis from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature.

Over the next couple of weeks all female students in years 7 – 9 will receive a copy of this brochure at school. If you have any questions please check out the website or give me a call.

Debbie
School Based Youth Health Nurse
GET STARTED VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing’s Get Started Vouchers program is accepting applications for a voucher of up to $150 to help pay an eligible child’s sport or recreation club membership and/or participation fees.

Parents or carers who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply straight away. Children who aren’t eligible under this criterion can apply if they are nominated by two referral agents. The list of referral agents still includes principals, school guidance officers and police officers among other occupations but teachers are unable to nominate a child in this round.

Vouchers are issued on a ‘first-come first-served’ basis and applications will close on 30 September or when all funds are allocated. Please submit your application as soon as possible.

YOUNG ATHLETES TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Fostering the development of young athletes

Funding is available to support the attendance of eligible athletes and officials at specific events:

- State or state school events—$200
- National or national school events—$400
- International events—$600

Apply for one eligible event at each tier, once every two calendar years. Applicants must be under the age of 18 at the start of an event.

For more information and to check your eligibility visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding or telephone 1300 656 191.

BILL TURNER TEAM BECOMES THIRD BEST IN THE STATE

For the second year in a row the Under 15 Girls’ Football team made the State Finals for Bill Turner Trophy. The team travelled down to Brisbane on 3rd August to contest for the title of State Champions against Cavendish Road, Chancellor College and St Peter Claver. The team’s first opponents were Cavendish Road. The girls put in a valiant effort to go up against the well renowned Football Excellence School. The score ended 3-2 to Cavendish Road. Although the game ended with a loss the girls’ pride in playing for Kirwan State High School definitely shone through.

This then led us to play Chancellor College in the 3 v 4 playoff on Wednesday 5th August. Being State Champions last year meant that going into this game the girls had something to prove. The girls were desperate to be awarded third place over fourth. It was a match played in the true spirit of the game with Kirwan’s strength across the park overshadowing Chancellor’s never-die resolve. Kirwan jumped out to a 2-0 first half lead before Chancellor fought back with two well deserved second half replies. Emily Ohl proved to be the difference taking the win for Kirwan.

Special mention must go to our Year 10 girls who were playing for the last time as a part of Kirwan State High Schools Bill Turner Trophy Team. Thank you girls for your continual effort and commitment to the team. Monika Anderson (Captain), Tara Strapps, Maddison Raffe, Caitlin Verevis, Teleah Bracken, Taniesha Weston, Patrica Baru and Bria Cusack.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- India Kubin and Keeleigh Hayward who are both valued members of the school’s Bill Turner Trophy team and made the Under 15 and Under 12 Girls Queensland Football teams. This is an outstanding achievement for the girls and we wish them luck playing in their State teams. India will now travel to Tokyo and Japan in September and Keeleigh to Adelaide to play in the Pacific School Games in November.

- Mikayla Newman who has been selected in the Queensland Under 18 Touch Football Team to compete in the National Youth Championships to be held at Kawana Waters in September.

KIRWAN HIGH BEARS HEAD TO NATIONAL FINAL

In a gripping Under 18 Open Schoolboys GIO Cup Queensland semi-final in Brisbane on Tuesday afternoon 11th August the Kirwan High Bears defeated Palm Beach Currumbin 28 to 18.

Julian Christian was named Man of the Match after scoring 4 of the Bears’ 6 tries.

The Kirwan Bears now progress to the GIO Cup National Final series. The first quarter final in the series will be played between the Kirwan High Bears and Westfield Sports High from Sydney at the Brothers Rugby League Ground on Golf Links Drive on Tuesday 18th August. Kick off will be at 11.30 a.m.

It has been a great year for the Bears. They were victorious in the Matty Bowen Nines earlier in the year and more recently they beat Ignatius Park to take out the Aaron Payne Cup.

“The boys are training hard and playing brilliantly as a team. We are all looking forward to the big occasion on Tuesday. It is very rare for Townsville to host a game in such a prestigious schoolboys competition” said Kirwan Bears coach, Dave Ackers.
Keeping Our Children Safe

Across the Kinoran Policing Division, Police are regularly contacted by schools and concerned parents in relation to inappropriate driving and behaviours around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off and pick-up areas and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe. They also help to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Kinoran Police are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some of the offences that have been witnessed are parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) and allowing children to get out of the vehicle, illegal u-turns, speeding, unestrained children, and road rage (use of offensive language whilst children were in the vehicle).

Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by performing proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones in the Kinoran Policing division. So remember the road rules and don't break them just to save a few extra minutes. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life.

Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

**SPEEDING**

Please pay attention to your local School zone times. These vary across Kinoran Policing division schools.

- **Speeding**
  - <13km over the speed limit $157 and 1 point
  - 13-20km over the speed limit $235 and 3 points
  - 21-30km over the speed limit $392 and 4 points
  - 31-40km over the speed limit $549 and 6 points
  - 41km and over the speed limit $1096 and 8 points

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**NQPWCC**

North Queensland Personal Watercraft Club Inc

$5 Jet ski Charity Ride

All Welcome

Sunday 23rd Aug, 9am to 3pm

Behind Riverway Arts Centre and C-Bar, Riverway

All ages welcome to join in the fun while helping find the cure for DIPG

All money raised will support

THE CURE STARTS NOW

Curing Cancer, One Child at a Time.

www.thecurestartsnow.org.au

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**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Sport is an integral part of student life at The University of Queensland (UQ). Since 1990, UQ— in partnership with Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland and UQ Sport— has proudly been offering sporting scholarships and athlete support programs to assist exceptional athletes balance their studies with the demands of elite-level sport.

With an excellent reputation for achievement in the elite sporting arena, UQ boasts over 55 Wallabies, numerous national cricketers, multiple Olympians and many other world-class athletes. All have benefited from the outstanding sporting facilities and services the University and UQ Sport has to offer. All sporting scholarship holders receive the following benefits:

- Free academic tutoring
- Free access to the full range of UQ Sport health and fitness facilities
- Free athlete workshops in sports nutrition, recovery and fatigue, athlete preparation, peaking for competition and more
- Academic liaison and support
- Induction program for first year students
- Access to the athlete lounge
- Nutritional cooking classes

Need more information on our scholarships programs? Call us on 07 3346 6243 or email sportscholarship@uqsport.com.au

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**An important cybersafety message**

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 3
18/08/15 Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup National quarter finals
18/08/15 Year 9 into 10 Subject Information Night
19/08/15 Year 10 into 11 Subject Information Night
22-23/08/15 North Queensland All Schools Touch
22/08/15 Year 8 and 8 Optiminds Challenge Day
23/08/15 Relay for Life
24-25/08/15 Year 10 SET Plan interviews
25/08/15 Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup National Semi finals (TBC)
01-02/09/15 Year 12 QCS Test
14-18/09/15 Childcare Industry Placement
14-18/09/15 Year 10 and 12 Work Experience
15/09/15 International Student Cultural Program (Showcasing Australian culture)
16/09/15 Open Rugby League GIO Cup National Final (TBC)
21/09-02/10/15 School Holidays
05/10/15 Labour Day Public Holiday

Term 4
06/10/15 Term 4 commences
07-11/10/15 Queensland All Schools Touch Event
19/10/15 Pupil Free Day
20/10/15 Sports Awards Night
21/10/15 Vocational Education Awards
23/10/15 International Mole Day
25-31/10/15 Education Week
26-30/10/15 Try Time visit
04/11/15 Year 10, 11 and 12 Graduation and Awards Night
06/11/15 Rugby League Presentation Night and Bears Reunion
11/11/15 Remembrance Day
11/11/15 Special Education Awards Night
13/11/15 Arts Expo
16-19/11/15 Year 12 Activities Week
20/11/15 Year 12 Rite of Passage Ceremony
20/11/15 Final Day for Year 12 students
20/11/15 Year 12 Formal
23/11/15 Year 11 QCS Workshop
23-25/11/15 International Student Cultural Program (Showcasing Australian culture)
23-27/11/15 Year 10 Work Experience
24/11/15 Year 10 Mini QCS Practice Test
24-25/11/15 Year 11 QCS Practice Test
25/11/15 Year 11 Certificate III Business excursion to James Cook University as part of Year 11/s James Cook University Pathways Program
27/11/15 Final day for Year 10 and 11 students
30/11/15 Year 7, 8 and 9 Awards Night
11/12/15 Final Day for Year 7, 8 and 9 students

2016
25/01/16 Term 1 commences

YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE
For 2015 - 20 November

YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE
For 2015 - 27 November

YEARS 7, 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE
For 2015 - 11 December

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Tuesday 8th September 2015
Tuesday 13th October 2015
Tuesday 10th November 2015
Meetings at 7pm in the school library
All Welcome

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the 40 Hour Famine. Over the years Kirwan State High School has raised over $28000, making a real difference to children living with poverty and hunger.

In 2015 Louisa House has taken on the service learning project of learning about the work World Vision does, while raising money and awareness for the organisation.

This term students will begin fundraising for the 40 Hour Famine that will be run on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October (Term 4 Week 2). Students who would like to participate need to choose something to give up for 40 hours. Traditionally this has been food, but other things like furniture and technology have also been given up for the 40 hour period. The school will hold a sleep over on the Friday night to kick off the famine.

If you would like more information please contact Alex Scobie ascob3@eq.edu.au or see the World Vision website http://www.40hourfamine.com.au/

Woolworths earn & learn
Kirwan State High School has signed up for the Woolworths earn & learn promotion and the Parents and Citizens Association is very keen to support this venture. The resources we can choose are fantastic.

Please collect your stickers when you purchase from Woolworths and when your sheet is full, you can drop it off to the school foyer in administration or the following stores listed below,

We currently have 1 Earn and Learn box at Woolworths Parkside. We will be having 3 more boxes delivered next week and they will be placed at Woolworths The Avenues, Woolworths Willows and Woolworths Rasmussen.

APP OF THE WEEK!

Smiling Mind is modern meditation for young people. It’s a simple tool that gives a sense of calm, clarity and contentment.