YEAR 7 INTO 8
INFORMATION NIGHTS

4th and 5th September 2012
7.00pm
Performing Arts Centre

For further information, please ring Geraldine Glazier on 4773 8123.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM YEAR 12 AND WHO ARE PLANNING ON STUDYING AT A QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY AND WHO ARE QUEENSLAND CITIZENS

You may have heard about an exciting new opportunity for Queensland women, the Queensland Government’s Supporting Women Scholarships Program. This program will provide financial support to assist women to take up study and employment in male-dominated fields in skill shortage areas such as architecture, building services, engineering, agricultural science and geology. The program will benefit women at all stages of their careers including young women starting their career, women re-entering the workforce and women changing careers.

Scholarships are open to women who are applying to study in one of the designated fields at a Queensland University or registered training organisation. Scholarships are available from Certificate IV through to graduate level.

For more information about the program, including how to apply and fields and level of study in which scholarships are available, please visit the Skills Queensland website (www.skills.qld.gov.au/supportingwomen).
FUN RUN AND CULTURAL EVENING
What an Awesome Day
On Friday 24th August, Kirwan High ran its second ever Fun Run. Students came decked out in house colours ready for the march past. Enthusiastic students supported their houses by chanting their house war cries. There was never any shortage of fun things to do – either the Fun Run on a course around the school, or dancing at Zumba, hula hooping, ball games, skipping and tug of war. Extra fun was provided on the day through the recording of sections for our school’s Lip Dub to the Michael Jackson song ‘Blame it on the Boogie’! We even got to make a giant KSHS on the touch oval with dancing students! Our second Fun Run has demonstrated a large growth in participation levels from our first year – and I’m sure all of the students who attended on the day had a blast!

After the Fun Run, Kirwan High’s Cultural Evening was in full swing, with various stalls reflecting everyone’s hard efforts! It was really great to see everyone participating in their stalls and having a good time. There were plenty of different attractions, including food, games and a dunking machine! The cultural performances throughout the evening were a credit to our school, with numerous dance routines and songs showcased. Ending on a high, Kirwan’s Got Talent was a massive success! Big crowd with great performers, the atmosphere was electric.

A special thank you to the following businesses for supporting our events on the day:
Jim Roberts Locksmiths
Tropic T Shirts
Gelatissimo
Reading Cinemas
Kingpin Bowling
Office Works
OfficeMax
North Queensland Cowboys

By Joel Newman and Cheyanne Pay

From the Roll’s Office
Student absences are to be explained by a parent/carer to one of the Rolls Officers (Karen Conner, Renee Curley). This may be done by phoning the school on 4773 8108 or 4773 8105 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.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
The Parents and Citizens’ Association meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month commencing at 7.30pm in the school Library. Meetings for 2012 are:
Tuesday 11th September
Tuesday 9th October
Tuesday 13th November

Year 12 QTAC applications
Year 12s wanting to go to university have to apply on line to QTAC. Applications open 1 August and close 28 September. All Year 12s will have appointments with a Guidance Officer to discuss either their Tertiary preferences or post school options. To apply online to QTAC students must visit: www.qtac.edu.au and they will need a LUI number, Pin Number and $34.
Term 3
04-05/09/12 QCS Test
4-5/09/12 Year 7 into 8 Information Nights—7.00pm—Performing Arts Centre
11/09/12 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting
17-21/09/12 Year 10 Work Experience
22/09-07/10 School Holidays
01/10/12 Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Term 4
09/10/12 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting
11-14/10/12 Queensland All Schools Touch Football
22/10/12 Ministerial Pupil Free Day
22/10/12 Sports Awards Night
24/10/12 Vocational Education Awards Night
31/10/12 Graduation and Awards Night
02/11/12 Rugby League Awards and Reunion
13/11/12 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting
15-16/11/12 Immunisations—Year 8 (HPV & HEP B)
17/11/12 Year 12 Formal
26-29/11/12 QCS workshops and practice for Year 11
13/12/12 Year 8 and 9 Awards morning

YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE
For 2012 - 16 November

YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE
For 2012 - 30 November

YEARS 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE
For 2012 - 14 December

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

If you currently work for a non-government mental health organisation and would like to further develop your skills, Griffith University is offering mental health practice scholarships for new enrolments in 2013.

The Community Mental Health Career Scholarship provides 50% funding support for people, employed or interested in employment in the non-government mental health workforce, to enrol in the Graduate Certificate or Master of Mental Health Practice. These programs are offered in an off-campus, online learning mode and will equip practitioners with specialist knowledge to support people with mental illness or psychiatric disability.

The scholarships are available to those who are undertaking university study for the first time as well as those who are looking to upgrade their qualifications. For more information visit: griffith.edu.au/mental-health-practice-scholarship

These scholarships are available thanks to the support of the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Directorate, Queensland Health, Skills Queensland and the Health and Community Services Workforce Council.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All outstanding library books need to be returned to the library IMMEDIATELY. We would appreciate if parents and students would check if they have any books at home. All Kirwan High library resources are clearly marked KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

We welcome your enquiry.
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WELCOME BACK CHINATSU TAMURA from Hinode High School

Ellen Franklin-Wotley hosted a Japanese student from Hinode High School in 2010. Her name was Chinatsu Tamura. Ellen and Chinatsu became firm friends.

Last week Chinatsu returned to Australia to spend time with Ellen’s family. She spent one day at Kirwan State High School on Monday 27th August and was in Ellen’s classes all day. It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with all her Kirwan friends she made whilst she was here during the Study Tour in August 2010. Ellen will be travelling over to Japan to spend time with Chinatsu’s family and her school in September.

This is certainly a positive consequence of the study tours program and certainly flags what we are doing is making a real difference and establishing strong links between cultures!

Hinode High School is already planning another Study Tour to Kirwan State High School in March 2013. In early February we will be asking for families to host a Japanese student for this study tour.

Stay Tuned!