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 Tuesday 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
I am pleased to announce our 2013 leadership structure at Kirwan High. The arrangements for 2013 are reflected in the diagram below.

It is intended that this structure will provide effective leadership to our large, dynamic educational community.

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

- **Executive Principal**
  - John Livingston

- **Principal**
  - Meredith Wenta

- **Deputy Principal**
  - Kate Sheppard
  - Murray James
  - Peter Stumer

- **Sixteen Heads of Department and Business Services Manager**

- **140 Teaching Staff and 80 Support Staff**

**Get Started vouchers to help children get active**

*Get Started* is a new State Government funding program offering up to $150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can’t afford to sign their child up and encourage other children who would improve their social connections or health to get involved.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card and submit a form will qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s [Get in the Game website](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/referral-agents.html).

The first funding round opened on 15 January 2013 with vouchers distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocation is exhausted or closes on 15 April 2013. A second round will open on 15 July 2013.

RESOURCE SCHEME 2013

Students (families) are able to participate in the Student Resource Scheme. This Scheme greatly reduces costs to families by providing students with resources to carry out their curriculum activities. If you do not participate in the scheme, the student is required to purchase all textbooks, novels, consumables etc that are used in the delivery of the subject.

Years 8 to 12 pay $190 plus additional subject costs. Additional subject costs are not negotiable as costs associated with choosing these subjects were highlighted on Subject Selection forms.

Payment Options include cash, cheque, EFT or direct credit to school bank account. You can also nominate us to debit your credit card approximately on the 15th of each month. A Payment Plan must be completed.

Statements and Resource Scheme forms will be mailed home next week. All outstanding 2012 invoices have been carried over to 2013.

No ID CARDS will be issued until a minimum of $100 is received on an approved payment plan, or payments are made in full. Family Discounts are available if paid in full prior to 29 March 2013.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS – must have all outstanding fees paid prior to purchasing their Formal Ticket in 2013. Payment Plans are encouraged.

Centrelink have a helpful service to deduct a nominated amount either weekly, fortnightly, monthly from your Family Payment. Forms are available from Kirwan State High School Administration building or alternatively email accounts@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ANAPHYLAXIS ACTION PLANS

The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) has recently revised their anaphylaxis action plans to include the administration of CPR and asthma medication after adrenaline injection. Our school will be implementing this new plan. More information is available from the ASCIA website—www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis.

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MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Elizabeth Coleman and Edward Warrick are looking forward to making a difference to the lives of students. Elizabeth and Edward are amongst twenty-six Beginning Teachers commencing their professional careers at Kirwan High.

Elizabeth who graduated from Queensland University of Technology teaches Mathematics and Biology. She knows the north as she grew up in Mt Isa. She has a keen interest in craft.

Edward is a newcomer to Townsville. He studied at the University of Queensland and teaches History and Legal Studies. Edward is a keen golfer and hopes to join a club soon.

Executive Principal John Livingston said Kirwan was the biggest employer of graduate teachers in Australia. Young teachers bring a lot of energy and vitality to the school, he said.

The School Based Youth Health Nurse Program

Welcome back for another year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and new year. My name is Debra Downie and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse at Kirwan High.

The School Based Youth Health Nurse program is a State Government Initiative that aims to promote the health of young people.

I work in the school setting to support positive health and well being for young people, their families and the whole school community.

Young people face a number of challenges – physical, emotional and psychological as they make the transition to adulthood.

Puberty, the establishment of relationships, exposure to alcohol, smoking and general risk taking are issues that young people face as they become mature adults.

This is an opportune time to lay the foundations for positive health behaviours and attitudes that will last through their lives.

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:
- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact
Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Worker
at The Smith Family on 4728 6786 or
nikki.storey@thsmithfamily.com.au

From the Rolls Office

Student absences are to be explained by a parent/caregiver 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

Staying healthy requires knowledge and skill development and it is important that young people have access to accurate information and advice about these changes.

I am a health professional who is available to help young people, parents, school staff and the general community. I provide individual confidential consultations with referral to other services and agencies if necessary, and support whole of school activities that focus on promoting health and well being.

As the Youth Health Nurse I also help with teaching and learning activities that focus on health and promotes a culture and environment that supports health and well being.

To make an appointment just come to my room in the Student Support Centre and organise a time. I am also available to parents by ringing the school to organise a time or a chat over the phone.

Staying Healthy
Debbie Downie
KIRWAN HIGH IS A UNIFORM SCHOOL

Kirkwan students wear their uniform with pride. The correct and dignified wearing of the uniform helps students identify with their school and encourages good, positive attitudes which flow over into the learning area. The proud wearing of the school uniform adds to the school tone.

The Kirwan State High uniform policy has been drawn up and endorsed by parents, students and teachers.

Every effort has been made to ensure the uniform is:

- As inexpensive as possible
- Modest and dignified
- Practical
- Popular with students.

JUNIOR UNIFORM

It is important to recognize that our uniform policy is a vital part of the education strategy of our school.

At Kirwan we value:

- Neat, tidy, dignified personal presentation which will prepare students for the workforce;
- Pride in being part of a team;
- Senior Leadership.

Our senior uniform was phased in during 1992. It is expected that all senior students will wear it. Our senior uniform emphasises the adulthood and maturity of our older boys and girls. Senior leadership is an important value of our school.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Girls: Teal skirt, shorts or skort, red polo neck T-Shirt with school crest on front (Junior), white overblouse with red stripes and school tie (Senior). The overblouse must cover the top of the skirt. Midriffs must not be visible. Skirts must be worn at a modest length.

Boys: Black taslon shorts with school initials. Boxers, underwear and bare skin must not be visible. A red polo neck T-Shirt with the school crest on front (Junior). White shirt with red stripes, hang out tropical style (Senior). The school tie may be worn with the Senior shirt.

Winter: A plain red, black or combination red and black jumper or sloppy joe may be worn. A red and black hoodie is available. Plain black tracksuit pants may be worn. Girls may wear full length black stockings or tights. Jeans are NOT acceptable. A plain white t-shirt may be worn underneath the school shirt, tucked into shorts or skirt. Jumpers with logos or designs on them are NOT acceptable.

Shoes: Predominantly black, white or grey with predominantly vinyl or leather uppers for safety. Laces should be black, white or grey to match shoes. Plain black shoes are required for formal occasions.

Socks: White pull-up socks which cover the ankle. Socks may have a red, black or blue stripe. Plain black stockings or tights may be worn with the school skirt.

Hat: A school hat is provided and should be worn.

Jewellery: Boys and girls are permitted to wear a watch, plain bracelet and two pairs of sleeper earrings or two pairs of plain studs if these are necessary, one plain chain necklace and a plain ring. No other form of jewellery or adornment is to be worn. Nose and other forms of face studs are not acceptable.

Hair: To be neat and tidy. Vision should not be obstructed. Hairstyles should not be a safety hazard in practical classes. Long hair should be tied back. Outlandish styles and colours, like punk are not acceptable.

Make-up No eye make-up.

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EVERY DAY COUNTS
AT KIRWAN

Students of Kirwan High are expected to attend school every day.

We believe strongly in the statement: every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.

Research clearly tells us that students who attend school, achieve to their potential. This is what we want for all of our students.

If a student is absent, then his/her absence must be explained within two days.

Absences can be explained in a number of ways:
- a phone call to the Absence Line on 4773 8108 or 4773 8105;
- email the Rolls Officers on absences@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au;
- a letter from you that your student hands to their Care Meeting Teacher.

Students who are in the compulsory schooling years (Years 8—10) who do not attend school regularly, will work with our Student Wellbeing Department to re-engage with schooling. Parents/Guardians of these students will receive formal and legal Education Queensland correspondence that can lead to police prosecution if students do not attend school.

Students who are in the post compulsory schooling years (Years 11 and 12) who do not attend school regularly will also work with our Student Wellbeing Department to re-engage with schooling. If attendance fails to improve as a result of this support, these students will have their enrolment cancelled at this school.

Kirwan High—every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.

Senior Leaders’ Induction

Friday 26th April
Performing Arts Centre
9.00am

All Year 12 parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Creative Generation – State Schools
Onstage 2013 nominations still open

Do you have ambitions to be Australia’s next leading vocalist, dancer, musician or choir performer? Nominations are still open for students new to the school this year and those in Year 8 in these categories. For students wanting to experience how this annual extravaganza is produced, you can apply to be a valued member of the stage crew.

Parents/caregivers should claim the dates of Friday 19 and Saturday 20 July at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for performances. Tickets will go on sale in April. For further information and nomination guidelines visit www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/creativegeneration/
**SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 1**

18/02/13 North Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention
19/02/13 North Queensland Trials for Volleyball, Open Touch and U15 Football
21-22/02/13 Swimming Carnival
22/02/13 1RAR Band Concert and Workshop
26/02/13 Meet and Greet—7.00pm—Performing Arts Centre
26/02/13 White card course
26/02/13 Townsville Trials—Rugby League Open Football
1-3/03/13 State Honours Ensemble Program—Caims (Instrumental Music Students)
05/03/13 Indigenous Meet and Greet
06/03/13 Interschool Swimming Carnival
07/03/13 North Queensland Trials—Open Basketball, Open Football, Open Rugby League, U15 Rugby League
11-15/03/12 Tracks to Success mentoring program—student training workshop (Year 11 Indigenous students)
12/03/13 Townsville Trials—Open Rugby Union, Netball, AFL, Open Cricket, U15 Cricket, Girls Hockey
12-14/03/13 Practice NAPLAN (all Year 9 students)
13-15/03/12 Immunizations—Year 8 HEP B/HPV 1st dose—Year 10 HPV 1st dose (boys only)
16-27/03/13 Matsumoto High School visit
18/03/13 North Queensland Trials—Open Rugby Union, U15 AFL (10-2), Hockey, Open Netball, U15 Netball
18-22/03/13 Australian School Futsal
20-22/03/13 Pinnacles Honours Band Workshop
22/03/13 Pinnacle Honours Band Gala Concert—Kirwan High Performing Arts
22-26/03/13 Netball Tour to Sydney
25-28/03/13 Year 12 Leadership Camp
25-28/03/13 Industry Placement Year 11 and 12 Childcare
25-28/03/13 Year 11 Work Experience
29/03-05/04/13 Easter Holidays
29/03/13 Good Friday
01/04/13 Easter Monday

**Term 2**

15/04/13 Term 2 commencements
16/04/13 Rock the Schools—Workshop and Concert
18-21/04/13 Junior Instrumental Music Immersion Camp—Camp Kanga
25/04/13 Anzac Day Holiday
07/05/13 White card course
7-8/05/13 Parent Teacher Interviews
09/05/12 SF4NQ Careers Expo—8.30am—2.30pm—Year 10’s to participate. Year 11, 12 Tourism and Year 11 Events students to assist at the expo.
14-17/05/13 NAPLAN testing
15-17/05/13 Immunizations—Year 8 HPV 2nd dose and chickenpox—Year 10 HPV 2nd dose (boys only) and Boostrix (all students)
21/05/13 ICAS Computer Skills competition
21/05/13 Interschool Cross Country
24/05/13 End of Term 2 Music Concert
27/05/13 Townsville Trials—U15 Football, U15 Basketball, U15 Rugby Union
29/05/13 Australian History Competition—Year 8 and 10 To Scholar classes
31/05/13 U15 Boys and Girls State Championships (Boys Mt Isa) (Girls Roma)
03/06/13 Mabo Day
04/06/13 North Queensland Trials—U15 Rugby Union, U15 Basketball (10—2), U15 Football
05/06/13 ICAS Competition—Science
09-15/06/13 School Musical
10/06/13 Queen’s Birthday holiday
14/06/13 Interhouse Athletics Carnival
17/06/13 ICAS Writing competition
17-21/06/13 Industry Placement Year 11 and 12 Childcare
17-21/06/13 Year 11 and 12 Work Experience
19-21/06/13 Junior Secondary Camp
19-21/06/13 Year 8 and 9 Camps
24/06-05/07/13 School Holidays

**Term 3**

08/07/13 Term 3 commencements
05-13/07/13 Proposed Senior Instrumental Music Tour—Beijing
18/07/13 Year 12 James Cook University visit
22-24/07/13 NAIDOC Week activities
30/07/13 White card course
30-31/07/13 Parent Teacher Interviews
01/08/13 ICAS Competition—Science
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
14/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Blue
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
03-04/09/13 QCS test
06/09/13 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)
23/09-04/10/13 School Holidays
07/10/13 Labour Day Holidays
10-13/10/13 Queensland All Schools Touch Football
17-18/10/13 Year 8 3rd dose HPV, 2nd dose HEP B—Year 10 HPV 3rd dose (boys only)
21/10/13 Ministerial Pupil Free Day
21/10/13 Sports Awards Night
21-25/10/13 National School Sport Touch Championships U15s (Boys and Girls)
23/10/13 Vocational Education Awards Night
29/10/13 White card course
30/10/13 Graduation and Awards Night
15/11/13 Year 12 Formal
25-29/11/13 Industry Placement Year 11 Childcare
26-29/11/12 QCS workshops and practice for Year 11
03/12/13 Musicians’ Farewell
09-13/12/13 Year 10 Work Experience
12/12/13 Year 8 and 9 Awards morning

**YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE**
For 2013 - 15 November

**YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE**
For 2013 - 29 November

**YEARS 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE**
For 2013 - 13 December

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QCS Packs will be available from the office soon.
Students will be notified when they arrive.

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We welcome your enquiry.
PO Box 33
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Phone: 4773 8111
Fax: 4773 8100
Email: the.principal@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au
Website: www.kirwanshs.eq.edu.au
POOL PARTY
DCO Townsville invites all Defence families to an afternoon of relaxed family fun.

Free Entry

Where: Kirwan Aquatic Centre
Hudson Street Kirwan

When: Sunday 10th March 2013
2pm – 5pm

Floating aquatic playground
Water slides
Toddler Pool

Kiosk will be open or feel free to BYO picnic.

Don't forget your sunscreen!

For more information, contact DCO Townsville on 4753 6539
Welcome back all students and families to Kirwan State High School for another great year and a BIG welcome to our many new families that have posted to our city. I am keen to know who all of you are and would so appreciate the opportunity to speak with or meet with you. Please call me on 4773 8143 or email lhill186@eq.edu.au.

I am looking forward to working with our Defence students and catching up with our families. I have put together some programs for our Defence students to participate in if they would like to.

Please put the following dates in your diary and students must RSVP to myself as soon as possible for all events.

Moving Schools Workshop – This is for students that have been posted to Townsville. It is a great way to meet other students that have also posted here. I will give good strategies to assist in the transition period and encourage making friendships. This workshop commences in Week 5 on Wednesday 27 February in Period 3 from 12.20pm to 1.45pm. My office is in the Learning Support. PLEASE REGISTER SO I KNOW WHAT SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED. All students need a 46 page A4 exercise book. This will be a series of classes during Term 1.

Expression of Interest to be a Defence Student Buddy - Come see me urgently if you are interested in being a Defence Student Buddy to show our new Defence students around. You would also be requested to assist me with programs and organising of events, speaking on house parades etc.

Photography Challenge – Register now with me. A challenge will be given each month (ie, Landscape shot, pet photo, black & white, Sunset etc). There will be recognition and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Registrations close 28 February 2013.

Deployment Workshop – A series of classes will be held from Term 2 for all students that have a parent or carer deployed, or students that have had a parent or carer come back from deployment in the last few months. I also welcome students whose parent or member is being deployed soon. This can be and is a difficult time for the families of members deployed. This workshop is designed to encourage students to assist one another, discover coping strategies and management plans. This is a very valuable program for students coping with and facing deployment. Students require a 46 page exercise book. REGISTER ASAP.

Homework Club – Register now. Commences Term 2. Tuesday & Thursday 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Learning Support. This program is designed to assist and encourage students to complete their homework on time. PLEASE REGISTER SO I KNOW WHAT SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED.

Welcome Get Together - for all ‘New’ to Kirwan State High School. Come and have pizza with other students that are new to our great school. Meet our Defence Student ‘buddies’ on Thursday 28 February in Period 3 from 12.20pm to 1.45pm. Location to be advised depending on numbers. PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for catering and space purposes.

Morning Tea for our Student Defence Force parents / carers will be at 10.30am on Wednesday 20 February. Email me if you would like to attend and to receive additional information. Venue to be advised.

It was great getting to know our Defence Force Families last year and I am excited and keen to meet many more families this year.

Regards and best wishes to all.

Lisa Hill
Defence Transition Mentor