Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Congratulations to all students who attended our twenty-fifth annual Graduation and Awards Night. It was a great evening, showcasing and celebrating the tremendous talents and achievements of our school. It makes me very proud to belong to the Kirwan High family.

**NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 2013 School Captains. They are:

**2013 Captains**
- Michael Barclay
- Michelle Liu

**2013 Vice Captains**
- Daniel Hales
- Ashley Gregori

**2013 Sports Captains**
- Klane Stone
- Jessie Bowyer

**2013 Indigenous Captains**
- Jayden Fisher
- Samara Luta

**2013 Music Captains**
- Mitchell Sheppard
- Grace Royle

I have every confidence they will do an excellent job.

Other important awards announced on the night were:

- Matthew Lee Student of the Year
  - Mikkayla McLeod
- Senior Dux
  - Sophie Boden
  - Bradley Quantrill
- Junior Dux
  - Angela Elias
- Year 12 Bursaries
  - Sophie Boden
  - Bradley Quantrill
- Best All Rounder
  - Jayden Parsons
- Year 12 Spirit Award
  - Jason McMillan
- Most Improved Student
  - Ayla Ferguson

**PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION**

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 13th November 2012
7.30p.m. in School Library

One of the topics we will be discussing is the Chaplaincy Program.
Election of parent representatives for the School Council will also be held.

All parents are welcome.

**YEAR 8 AND 9 AWARDS CEREMONY**

Invitation to Students, Parents and Friends

**THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER**
**COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM**
**IGNATIUS PARK ASSEMBLY HALL**

John Livingston
Executive Principal
The ARTS Department invites you and your family to the **Arts Expo 2012**

showcasing dance, drama, the visual arts and music!

**WHEN:** Thursday 15th November  
**TIME:** Begins at 6.30pm for a 7pm start  
**WHERE:** Riverway Arts Centre  
**COST:** Pre purchased tickets  
Adults $10  Children $5  
Tickets at the door  
Adults $12  Children $6

Tickets available for purchase from School Cashier

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DTM**

As the year comes to an end, students are less motivated to do homework activities after school. I have put together some ‘fun’ activities for our Defence Students.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Tuesday – fortnightly—Craft Club from 3pm – 4.30pm. We are making Christmas Cards.
Wednesday—weekly— Swimming from 3pm – 4.30pm
Thursday—weekly— Basketball Challenge from 3pm – 4.30pm
Friday—weekly— Fitness from 3pm – 4.30pm

A Permission slip must be completed and returned to myself and students need to book the activity they would like to do. Classes subject to numbers.

**ROLLERCOAST WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS**

Lavarack Barracks Full day workshop is available to students with a deployed parent/carer. It is also applicable if a parent or carer has just returned home or is about to be deployed. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to mix with other Defence students facing the same challenges. It is extremely limited in numbers so first in best dressed. Please contact myself on 47738143 or advise your student to come and see me in the Learning Support Centre for a permission slip.

**DEPLOYMENT CLUB**

We are still running Deployment Club for students with deployed parents or carers. Be sure to come and see me in Learning Support for our next day and activity.

**FAMILIES POSTING OUT**

Make sure you put your name on my list for our farewell get together.

Thank you to all students and parents for their assistance and support throughout 2012. It has been such a pleasure for me to be involved with our Defence Families.

Kindest regards always
Lisa Hill  
Defence Transition Mentor
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4
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

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN 2013
If your student will not be returning to Kirwan State High School next year please contact the school by phone on 4773 8108 or email kconn59@eq.edu.au. It is important to know this information as soon as possible so that our records are accurate for next year.

RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Applications are open to all Queensland school students who will be completing Year 10 or 11 in 2012 and who have demonstrated success in:
Academic achievement;
Sporting achievement; and/or
Community leadership and civic participation.

Applications should be submitted online at www.RSLyouth.com applications close November 11.

GOING TO UNI NEXT YEAR?
Have you got your Tax File Number (TFN)?
If you want to go to University next year (and are Australian), you will need a TFN so you can pay less fees and to also defer your fees via a HECS-HELP loan.

Apply for a TFN now through the Australian Tax Office (ATO) at www.ato.gov.au.

For more information on HECS-HELP, refer to the HECS-HELP booklet at http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/helpfulresources/pages/publications, or contact JCU at 1800 246 446.

G’DAY USA EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2014
An opportunity exists for students at school to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the United States of America for twenty days in the January 2014 school holidays.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American host family and visit an American school.

The cost is $5,395.00, from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, which include the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to attractions.

Please see Mrs Hawkins for more information or telephone EWT on 1800 337 930 (toll free) or (03) 9882 8400.

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY INFORMATION
After the release of OP scores on 15th December, James Cook University will be holding a series of information evenings in the North Queensland region to assist students who want to change their QTAC preferences or require further course information. Academics from all disciplines will be available as well as student enquiry staff to assist with enquiries.

Please note that our phone line 1800 246 446 will also be manned right up until Friday 21st December and our Student Enquiries team will be more than happy to assist. The university will then be closed from Monday 24 December, re-opening on Wednesday 2 January.

WHAT: JCU Information Evening - What's Next?
WHEN: Tuesday 18th December
TIME: 4.30 - 7.00pm
WHERE: C2, Civic Theatre, Townsville

YEAR 12 AND UNIVERSITY
JCU offer a Tertiary Access Course as an alternative pathway into undergraduate degrees for potential university students who don't get an OP or the OP they require. TAC is aimed to equip students with the skills and capabilities to enter mainstream tertiary study. To complete TAC and be eligible to apply for direct entry in a JCU degree or diploma course, there are 4 subjects that must be studied. For more information contact James Cook University on (07) 4781 5873.