Invitation to Students, Parents and Friends

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

Please come and join us as we congratulate our students on their academic achievements for 2012.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting
Tuesday 13th November
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.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR 2013

Tuesday 29th January 2013
9.00 am Year 8s commence school
12.10 pm Years 9 and 11 commence

Wednesday 30th January 2013
9.00 am All students attend school.

Please note Monday 28th January 2013 is Australia Day public holiday.
The Principal, Staff and Students of Kirwan State High School cordially invite family and friends of Year 8 to 12 music students to our

Musicians' Farewell
2012

Tuesday, 4th December, 2012

Sir George Kneipp Auditorium, James Cook University

6.00pm for a twilight sausage sizzle
7.00pm start

The Annual Musicians’ Farewell Concert showcases the efforts of the talented music students here at Kirwan High. All of Kirwan’s top music groups will feature on the evening, including our award-winning Wind Symphony, String Orchestra, Big Band, Concert Band and Choir and Pops Orchestra.

It is also a great chance to say farewell and thank you to our departing year 12 students who have shown outstanding dedication to music activities over the last five years.

Tickets available at the door.

LIMITED SEATING!

$5.00 adult, $2.00 school students, $10 family

For further information, please contact Dale Hosking on 47738158.
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

LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO KIRWAN HIGH STUDENT
I would just like to fill you in on the achievements of one of your students.

Jordan Bowman accompanied myself and three others from Townsville to referee at the School Sport Australian 12's and 15's National Touch Championships in Brisbane last week. He was joined by junior referees from all over the country.

Attendance at this tournament is by invite only, so to be selected is an achievement in itself (it's the first time in over 8 years since anyone from North Queensland has been selected). It's basically the equivalent to being picked to play for Queensland at the event.

Jordan was the only junior referee appointed to referee the coveted Under 15 Boys QLD v NSW grudge-match on Monday afternoon. This appointment in itself speaks extremely highly of his ability as a referee.

He refereed extremely well all week, receiving praise from the senior referees in attendance and culminating in his appointment to the Under 15 Boys Bronze Medal game on Friday afternoon, placing him as the third-best performing junior referee at the tournament, hot on the heels of some of the country's best.

Jordan deserves to be congratulated on the way he conducted himself during the week, both on and off the field. He refereed at a level far beyond expectations, proving to many senior referees that he is definitely one to watch in the future.

Kerrod Hall
Touch Football Coordinator (Townsville)
North Queensland Touch Association

MENTOR OPPORTUNITY
In 2013, our school will be commencing an Indigenous Student Mentoring Program called ‘Tracks To Success’ for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 11 students. We are seeking volunteer mentors from various career fields to support them during their Senior Schooling Phase and career pathway journey. We would like to invite all interested persons, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to participate in this exciting program. For more information please feel free to contact Sue Tabo on (07) 47 738 181 or email stabo9@eq.edu.au. Your support would be much appreciated.
**FINAL WEEK FOR 2012 FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL**

At Kirwan State High School our major purpose is to provide educational excellence for all students to ensure they are well prepared for the future as confident and caring citizens. Our philosophy is to enable all students to achieve greatness through an inclusive and student-centred culture underpinned by a mindful and compassionate school community. To help achieve this, all students are expected to be in attendance until the last day of school. All students will be participating in the valuable sessions below to celebrate their success in 2012 and prepare them for 2013.

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<td>9.00 - 11.30: Year 8 and 9 Awards Day practice in the MPS (students not receiving awards will participate in Literacy and Numeracy Development Sessions). 11.30 – 12.30: Lunch 12.30 – 3.00: Literacy and Numeracy Development Sessions Wednesday Night – 8’s for Change</td>
<td>10.00 – 12.00: Year 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony at Ignatius Park College (It is expected all students attend to celebrate the success in 2012. No classes will be running at this time.) 12.00 – 12.30: Lunch 12.30 – 3.00: Literacy and Numeracy Development Sessions</td>
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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

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.

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.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED
The Kirwan State High School International Student Program is seeking your help. We need families willing to provide homestay for our International students from Norway, Austria, Germany, Italy, USA, Brazil, Japan.

These students are arriving in January and will commence study in Semester 1, 2013. We also have students starting in July to commence study in Semester 2, 2013. The students will be here for periods ranging from 3, 6, 9 and 12 months.

You have a choice of a male or female student and the duration of their stay. The average age of these students is 16 years.

Homestay payments are $200 per week (tax free).

Major Homestay requirements include:
- Caring English speaking family willing to include the student into your family for the duration of their stay
- Provide the student with their own bedroom which includes a desk and chair
- All meals and snacks must be provided
- Access to internet. Students bring their own laptop.
- Easy access to Kirwan State High School.

All persons over the age of 18 years living in your home must be eligible for Blue Card suitability Check. We will help you with this application.

International Students are responsible for:
- Medical insurance and medical costs
- Providing their own school uniform, and school requirements (books etc.)
- Purchasing of personal items including clothing, haircuts, etc.

For more information please contact:
Lorraine Duve - International Homestay Coordinator

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