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.

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.

REPORT CARDS

This semester students will receive a “new look” report card that focuses on a student’s placement in their level of achievement, their strengths, and their recommended areas to improve.

We believe this report version is clearer and to the point for students, parents and community members.
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.
Recently, thirty-five students from across Years 9 and 10 Top Scholar History undertook a four day tour of commemoration to Canberra for the 2012 Remembrance Day Service.

This inaugural History tour culminated in participation in the Remembrance Day service at the Australian War Memorial on Sunday 11th November, where students represented Kirwan State High School by laying poppies on the commemorative stone and the Roll of Honour. The service was attended by her Excellency Quentin Bryce, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia; the Honourable Prime Minister Julia Gillard; and other members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Students on the steps of Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

Students had undertaken weeks of research prior to departure on a chosen service man or woman who had ties to the Townsville community or their family in particular. This investigation formed part of their History unit, ‘World War I Through Time’. This research was presented through short commemorative speeches that were delivered at the War Memorial, and poppies were left in honour and remembrance of their chosen local servicemen and women.

Students toured Old and New Parliament Houses, ANZAC Parade, Australian War Memorial, the International Flag Display and other cultural sites across four days in order to build their understanding of nationalism, government and the legacy of Australian servicemen and women in past and current conflicts. Students had undertaken fundraising efforts prior to departure in order to lower the costs of the Tour overall. A special thank you is given to the Parents and Citizens Association for assisting the students with these endeavours.

The Australian Government has also assisted the overall funding of the tour through the PACER rebate. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the costs of the Tour, the Australian Government has contributed $120 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme towards travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

A large thank you is also extended to the parents and carers of the students involved for their participation and support of their children, the school and the tour in its first year of operation.