INVITATION

MEET AND GREET

Kirwan High Teachers would like to meet you.

Would you like to meet your child’s teachers?

A Meet and Greet will be held on Tuesday 24th 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.

Meredith Wenta
Acting Executive Principal
Kirwan State High School’s International Student Program continues to grow. Our program welcomed its 215th International student to our school in January. The students are part of Educational Queensland International Regional Studies Abroad Program. The program offers an academic curriculum and gives these students the opportunity to experience our great North Queensland lifestyle and culture.

Students are here from three months to one year. At present we have students from Norway, Germany, Brazil.

These students are wonderful cultural ambassadors who help our students develop a better understanding of different cultures and countries around the world.

If you would like to find out about becoming a Homestay family, please contact Lorraine Duve on 4773 8165. You too can play an important part in making these special memories for our International students.
NEWS FROM THE DEFENCE TRANSITION MENTOR

Hello to all our families. As promised I have the Term 1 program for you to jot down on your calendar.

Week 4  Friday 20th February Indigenous Recruitment Session
Week 5  Friday 25th February Paul Warren and Denis Devantier Mates 4 Mates Presentation (Year 10 Students)
Week 7  Free Pizza Lunch ADF Year 8 Students only 1st Break FY03 10th March
        Free Pizza Lunch ADF Year 7 Students only 1st Break FY03 12th March
        ADF Parents Morning Tea 13th March @ 10.30 - 11.30
Week 9  ADF AFL Sports Clinic 25th March from 2.00 – 3.00 all ADF students invited

So we have a fully packed agenda, mainly in catching up with lots of new students. Don’t forget to come along to the Teachers Meet and Greet on Tuesday 24th February at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

Students and/or parents, please don’t hesitate to come and visit. If you have any questions please phone 4773 8111 and ask to be connected to me.

So I have lots of meeting and greeting to do and will keep you all up to date with any changes.

Cheers
Diane Jensen
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Helping Year 7 and 8 students settle into high school

A very warm welcome is extended to our history making Year 7 and 8 students. Their arrival at our school has been eagerly anticipated and we look forward to making their high school years a rewarding and enriching experience. This is an exciting time for our incoming students and we will continue to support them to make a smooth transition to high school.

To help both parents and students, a range of tips and resources are available online. There are useful tips such as getting to know your new school, getting organised, practical study and note-taking tips, how to make friends, staying safe online and keeping happy and healthy.


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;
- email the Rolls Officers on absences@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au;
- a letter from you that your student hands to their House Group Teacher.

Students who are in the compulsory schooling years (Years 7—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.

Have your say on the draft Education Accord

Public consultation continues on the draft Queensland Education Accord.

You are encouraged to have your say on the 30-year vision for education in Queensland by completing the online survey.

For more information visit the http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/index.html website.
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 1
9-13/02/15  Try Time visit
12/02/15  Year 11 VET Inductions—Period 1
12/02/15  Year 11 QCS Diagnostic Testing Periods 1 and 2
16, 18, 20/02/15  School Photos
16/02/15  Disco—Junior Secondary Students
17/02/15  Interhouse Swimming Carnival—Junior—Years 7, 8 and 9
18/02/15  Interhouse Swimming Carnival—Senior—Years 10, 11 and 12
18/02/15  Brett Lee—Cyber Safety Presentation to all Year 7 and 8 students
20/02/15  North Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention
20/02/15  Trade Training Industry Breakfast
23/02/15  School Photos—Catch Up Day
23-27/02/15  Try Time visit
24/02/15  Meet and Greet—7.00pm-Performing Arts Centre
25/02/15  Year 11 Science 21 excursion
27/02/15  School’s Clean Up Australia Day
05/03/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 1 Kirwan SHS V Ignatius Park College
05/03/15  VSM111A—James Cook University visit
09-10/03/15  Leadership Camp for all Captains including House Captains in Years 9 to 12
10/03/15  Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting and Annual General Meeting-7.00pm-School Library
13/03/15  Great Leap into Senior—Year 10—Period 4
13-15/03/15  World’s Greatest Shave—Leukaemia Foundation
15-20/03/15  International Day of Happiness
16/03/15  Year 12 Biology Biotechnology excursion to James Cook University
16-18/03/15  Year 8 and 10 Immunisations
17/02/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 2 Kirwan SHS V TCC
17/03/15  St.Patrick’s Day
18/03/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 3 Kirwan SHS V Mackay SPC
19/03/15  VSM111A—Aquaculture farm visit excursion
20/13/15  International Day of Happiness
21/03/15  Harmony Day
21/03/15  International Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
22/03/15  World Water Day and Melanoma March
28/03/15  Earth Hour
30/03-02/04/15  Year 11 Work Experience
30/03-02/04/15  Year 12 Leadership Camp
30/03-02/04/15  Childcare Industry Placement
03/04/15  Good Friday
06/04/15  Easter Monday
07-17/04/15  School Holidays

Term 2
20/04/15  Term 2 commences
24/04/15  Anzac Day Parade (at school)
24/04/15  Pay It Forward Day
25/04/15  Anzac Day
01/05/15  Year 12 Induction
05/05/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 4 Kirwan SHS V Cairns in Cairns
07-10/05/15  QSSL 15 Years State Rugby League Championships in Roma
11-15/05/15  Try Time Visit
12-15/05/15  NAPLAN testing
18-19/05/15  Year 8 Immunisations
21-24/05/15  QSSL 18 Years State Rugby League Championships West Arana
22/05/15  Earth Day
24-29/05/15  Reconciliation Week
28/05/15  Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
28-30/05/15  Year 12 Marine Science Camp (Orpheus)
02/06/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 5 Kirwan SHS V SPC
03/06/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 6 Kirwan SHS V MSHS
03/06/15  ICAS Test Science Years 7, 8 and 9
03/06/15  Mabo Day
06/06/15  Year 10 Celebration Parade—Period 1
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08/06/15  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
11-13/06/15  School Musical—Hairspray
15/06/15  ICAS Test Writing Years 7, 8 and 9
22-25/06/15  International Student Cultural Program (Showcasing Australian and International Cultures)
22-26/06/15  Childcare Industry Placement
22-26/06/15  Year 11 and 12 Work Experience
24/06/15  Lindsay Williams Year 12 QCS Workshop with students
24-26/06/15  Year 8 and 9 Junior Leadership Camp
25-26/06/15  Year 12 QCS Practice Test
29/06-10/07/15  School Holidays

Term 3
13/07/15  Term 3 commences
15/07/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Round 7 Kirwan SHS V Abbergrowie in Abbergrowie
20/07/15  Welcome Ceremony for International students
23-25/07/15  Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride—VET students catering
25/07/15  Open Bears Rugby League APC Final
27-31/07/15  Try Time visit
28/07/15  ICAS Test English Years 7, 8 and 9
29-30/07/15  Challenge Games—Special Education Program
29-07-12/08/15  Kokugakuen Study Tour
31/07/15  Year 12 Science 21 excursion
05/08/15  Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup North Queensland V South Queensland Semi-finals
6-8/08/15  Year 11 Biology Camp (Mission Beach)
11/08/15  Open Bears Rugby League X Pools GIO Cup
11/08/15  ICAS Test Maths Years 7, 8 and 9
12-13/08/15  Cultural Infusion
13-15/08/15  Year 11 Marine Science Camp (Magnetic Island)
18/08/15  Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup National quarter finals (TBC)
23/08/15  Relay for Life
24-25/08/15  Year 10 SET Plan interviews
25/08/15  Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup National Semi-finals (TBC)
01-02/09/15  Year 12 QCS Test
14-18/09/15  Childcare Industry Placement
14-18/09/15  Year 10 and 12 Work Experience
15/09/15  International Student Cultural Program (Showcasing Australian culture)
16/09/15  Open Rugby League GIO Cup National Final (TBC)
21-09-02/10/15  School Holidays
05/10/15  Labour Day Public Holiday

Term 4
06/10/15  Term 4 commences
07-11/10/15  Queensland All Schools Touch Event
19/10/15  Pupil Free Day
20/10/15  Sports Awards Night
21/10/15  Vocational Education Awards
29-30/10/15  Try Time visit
04/11/15  Year 10, 11 and 12 Graduation and Awards Night
06/11/15  Rugby League Presentation Night and Bears Reunion
11/11/15  Remembrance Day
11/11/15  Special Education Awards Night
13/11/15  Arts Expo
16-19/11/15  Year 12 Activities Week
20/11/15  Year 12 Rite of Passage
20/11/15  Final Day for Year 12 students
20/11/15  Year 12 Formal
23/11/15  Year 11 QCS Workshop
24/11/15  Year 10 Mini QCS Practice Test
24-25/11/15  Year 11 QCS Practice Test
23-25/11/15  International Student Cultural Program (Showcasing Australian culture)
23-27/11/15  Year 10 Work Experience
25/11/15  Year 11 Certificate III Business excursion to James Cook University as part of Year 11s James Cook University Pathways Program
27/11/15  Final day for Year 10 and 11 students
30/11/15  Year 7, 8 and 9 Awards Night
11/12/15  Final Day for Year 7, 8 and 9 students

2016
25/01/16  Term 1 commences

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Interhouse Swimming Carnivals

Kirwan State High School's annual Swimming Carnivals are rapidly approaching. This year they will be held on Tuesday 17th February (Years 7, 8 and 9) and Wednesday 18th February (Years 10, 11 and 12). We will be providing sunscreen, shade and water, but we also encourage and require students to take responsibility to ensure that they remain sun safe.

Students are encouraged to ‘dress up’ in their house colours, however, appropriate sun safety measures still need to be taken. Students are encouraged to wear a hat, shirts with sleeves (preferably long) and regularly apply, and reapply sunscreen.

The prevalence of skin cancer in North Queensland is skyrocketing and Queensland currently has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. The Australian Cancer Council informs us that if a child is severely sunburnt before the age of 15, it doubles their chance in developing melanoma later in life. These statistics are startling!

Please join us in urging your student to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide at this year’s swimming carnivals.

Sun Safety during HPE lessons

Additionally, students will be required to adopt sun safe habits during Health and Physical Education lessons. Students are required to bring a drink bottle and hat for all of their scheduled HPE lessons. If a student does not bring a hat, they will be asked to apply sunscreen prior to the lesson. We will not be adopting a ‘No hat, No play’ policy, but rather be providing sunscreen as a secondary sun safe strategy.

We thank you in advance for helping your child to stay sun safe in 2015!
Dear Students and Parents/Caregivers,

Student photos will be taken on:

- **Monday** 16 February
- **Wednesday** 18 February
- **Friday** 20 February
- **Monday** 23 February

You will receive an envelope/flyer for each of your students explaining the products available.

*There are two (2) options to order photos and make payment.*

**OPTION 1:**

*Online Ordering—follow the steps below.*

*For online orders* DO NOT USE envelopes provided.

**Step 1:**
Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code **KVP 4NE TDN**

**Step 2:**
Enter your student’s details.

**Step 3:**
Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).

**Step 4:**
Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

**OPTION 2:**

Return envelopes with cheque/cash **on the day** of your photo.
In 2014, Kirwan State High School introduced the Language Ambassador's Program. Through this program (run by James Cook University), several students studying a second language were chosen to promote and increase engagement for languages and advocate multiculturalism within the Kirwan High community.

The Ambassadors (ranging from Years 9 to 12) study either French, Japanese or a combination of both. The Language Ambassadors for 2015 are: Sophie Durant, Jackson Arthy, Belinda Grobler, Tyler-Jaye Cossor, Brody Van Ryt, Emily Van Gorp, Christopher Blackman, Rachel Humphreys and Elora Baird.

Throughout the year, the Kirwan High Language Ambassadors will be holding special events to further promote their chosen language and to encourage other students in exciting cultural activities. We encourage everyone to come along and get involved. Keep these dates in your planner!

Japanese students will be hosting an Anime Club which will start on Monday 16th February and will be held every Monday at first break in HU07.

French students will be holding a Mardi Gras Food Festival on 20th February.

Au Revoir & さようなら (Sayonara)!

Jackson Arthy and Sophie Durant
Senior Language Ambassadors