You can attend our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lino Print Exhibition, all from the comfort of your car, through your smart phone.

It’s been a very productive and positive start to 2014 for our (now) Year 12 Indigenous Arts class.

The Young Artists QR Gallery exhibition for Kirwan: http://www.umbrella.org.au/education/young-artists-qr-code-gallery#Julian_Sturt has now been put up (online).

This is a very exciting process for our students and you can access this exhibition as well just by clicking on the above link. We have received a large banner from Umbrella Gallery, that has the QR Gallery App on it. If you scan that App with your smart phone, it will take you directly to the exhibition. Technology is an amazing thing.

You can see there is a general overview and a description of the project. Please ‘vote’ and make positive comments (click on the image – all comments are moderated by Umbrella gallery) as the winner will receive a prize pack from Oxlades Art Supplies and a pair of Audio Technica headphones worth $100 at the end of the year. Each exhibition has its own “people's choice award. This is wonderful exposure for our Certificate II in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander program and for our students and is a sign of our changing technology times. Our students are producing a very extensive exhibition profile and they should be very proud of their efforts thus far.

We have the Year 11 Crew join the certificate this year and now our Indigenous Arts program has expanded to 55 students. This is very exciting.

I am still looking for parents to join the Parent Reference group to support this program. Your support can be as simple as a phone call to tell me about a story, or a style of art that you know about relating to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander culture. Please email me at aheri3Qeq.edu.au or ring me on 47738161. The students and I really appreciate the connections made with our parent community.

Adriana Hering
Art Coordinator
CONGRATULATIONS To

Joshua Izod Year 8 who has been selected in the U12 Australian Inline Hockey team to compete in New Zealand.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2014
SCHOOL LIBRARY
7.00PM
ALL WELCOME

HEALTH MATTERS
Hep B – Not Me

DID YOU KNOW...
Hepatitis literally means inflammation of the liver. The liver is an important organ in our bodies.

⇒ Helping to digest food
⇒ Storing and producing energy
⇒ Making vitamins
⇒ Getting rid of waste products
⇒ Helping to protect against infection

If the liver is inflamed it cannot do these important tasks. The liver can become damaged by toxic substances (eg alcohol) or infection (eg Hepatitis A, B or C).

Hepatitis B is passed directly through contact with body fluids such as blood, semen, vaginal secretions, weeping sores or cuts and saliva.

In Australia one person in every hundred is a carrier of Hepatitis B. Most Hepatitis B infection occurs in adolescence or young adults.

Vaccination is the simple way to protect yourself from Hepatitis B and involves two injections.

This immunisation will be offered free of charge by Queensland Health to all Kirwan High Year 8 students at school on 17, 18 and 19 March with the follow up dose later in the year. This immunisation will provide life long protection.

The consent forms will be sent home with your Year 8 student. Please make sure that you ask them for it and return it as soon as you can. If you have any questions please contact me at the school – 47738111 or contact Child Health 47999000 to speak with staff there.

2014 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

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2. Sign Up Day—Cowboys Leagues Club at 9.00am Tuesday 11th March. Signup—Induction—RSA.
3. Attend Speed Recruitment at Cowboys League Club at 6.00pm Wednesday 5th March. Bring your resume, parent and dress to impress!

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.

INVITATION TO RESEARCH SESSION
INTERACTING WITH SCHOOL

Kirwan High has the honour of being a trial school for Education Queensland’s proposed Parent Portal program.

It aims to give parents greater access to schools via the computer. Increased and better parent engagement is the goal.

As part of this project, the Queensland Government is conducting a research session and is seeking your opinions and expectations on ‘Interacting with School’. If you meet one or more of the below criteria or know of someone who does, register your interest for this paid research activity. Call Q&A Market Research company on (07) 3119 8003 or email groups@qandaresearch.com.au and state you are registering for the ‘Townsville Parents Workshop – DETE’. Leave your name and two contact numbers and Q&A will call you back to complete your details. Please note registering is not a guarantee of placement as numbers are limited.

Participant Requirements
- Expectant or new mum (aged mid to late 20s) with child up to 1 year
- Parent of kindy aged child/children (child aged up to 4 years)
- Parent with one or more primary-school-aged children
- Parent of high school students
- Teenager - not living with family (aged up to 15 or 16 years)
- Grandparent and/or carer looking after primary and/or high school students
- Parent or carer of person with disability school student
- Single or separated parent with school students
- Parent of adopted or foster children
- Parents with financial or employment difficulties (e.g. unemployed, or trying to survive on workers comp or benefits)
- Parent of school children recently moved to Queensland or migrated here from overseas
- Person living with member of extended family (e.g. parents with young school aged children who are living with aunts and uncles, mother, father or grandparents)

Date: Monday 24 March
Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm
Venue: Kirwan State High School

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR KIRWAN HIGH PARENTS TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THEIR CHILD’S EDUCATION

CHAPLAIN

My name is Cameron Lestro and I have the privilege of being the Chaplain of Kirwan State High School. I am an ex-student of Kirwan High and have also worked extensively across the Townsville community for over 10 years in youth and support worker roles. I have also been a teacher at various schools for the last 5 years and my experience has given me an understanding of the pressures that students, parents and teachers face in today’s world.

This year has started off well as I took some time in the first week to get to know our new Year 8s. Year 8 parents will be pleased to know that the Year 8s are a great bunch of young people and appear to be settling in well. It is also great to see all of the familiar faces from last year and I look forward to supporting all of our students in any way they need.

I am in the process of contacting several community groups to run programs and volunteer to help support our school community. If you know any community group that would like to be involved in supporting our students or would like to volunteer yourself please contact me by email at cles16@eq.edu.au or call the school on 47 738 111.