CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITED NATIONS YOUTH AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

Holly White Year 12 and Bradley Martin Year 9

Kirwan State High School's senior and junior School Captains participated in the recent United Nations Youth Australia two day conference. They participated in a range of debates and workshops on problem solving real world issues and learnt new resolution skills.

The conference focussed on educating youth on domestic and international issues which provided the participants with the skills and confidence to voice their opinions and an opportunity to make a difference.

At the conference special awards were presented and Kirwan High students took out 2 of them. Holly White, Kirwan High School Senior School Captain was named as the Best Negotiator. Bradley Martin, Kirwan High Junior School Music Captain was recognised as the Most Promising Delegate.

Kirwan High Junior School Captain Jason Eltagonde also received an honourable mention for Best Negotiator.

The Kirwan High Family congratulates these award recipients.

COOK HOUSE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Lauchlan Woodhall Year 12

At Kirwan State High 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.

In order to achieve this purpose and philosophy we recognise the need to grow strong leadership in all levels of our school community.

Congratulations to Lauchlan Woodhall for his contribution to our school community. Lauchlan is clearly a Kirwan High Scholar who demonstrates great leadership and deserves public recognition for the contribution he is making to our school community.

In public recognition of Lauchlan’s success, he has been awarded the Cook House Student of the Week at his House Parade.
Over the weekend of the 6th to the 8th March 2015, twenty-eight students from Kirwan State High School Music Department and Instrumental Music Program travelled to Cairns to participate in the annual State Honours Ensemble Program hosted by the Queensland Conservatorium of Music – Griffith University.

SHEP 2015 provided the invited students the opportunity to work with some world-class musicians, clinicians and conductors. Students are invited to participate in the program following a nomination made by the school and an assessment made by the Conservatorium. The Kirwan High instrumentalists and vocalists were again very well represented owing to the exceptional standard to which these students perform to in their ensembles here at school. Students from Kirwan High were selected to be a part of the SHEPNQ String Orchestra, SHEPNQ Vocal Ensemble and SHEPNQ Wind Ensemble. After spending fourteen hours in rehearsal between Friday afternoon and Sunday midday, the students then perform in the culminating Grand Finale Concert.

The strings students, under the direction of one of Australia’s leading strings educators, conductors and composers, Mr Stephen Chin, performed a selection of classic string repertoire as well as modern arrangements for string orchestra. Kirwan High instrumentalists were featured very heavily in principal positions for this orchestra. All of the students performed to the highest standard and showed the utmost respect for the conductor and fellow musicians.

Next was the vocal ensemble under the direction of the very enthusiastic and supremely qualified conductor, Mr Tim Sherlock. The vocal ensemble performed a wide range of repertoire from gospel tunes to Hungarian folk music. Year 9 student Abbie Cook was also invited to be a featured soloist with the vocal ensemble during one of their works and did a great job in front of the 400 strong audience.

The concert then came to a close with the performance of the SHEPNQ Wind Ensemble. This group was conducted by Dr Rob McWilliams who has recently moved back to Australia after a long tenure as the Head of Music at the University of Oshkosh in Wisconsin. This large wind ensemble performed some very exciting, fast-paced repertoire as well as exploring their sensitive side with some slow, yet emotionally driven works.

The experience that the students gain from participating in events such as SHEP are hugely beneficial to the continued development of the Instrumental Music program here at Kirwan High. The students always return with a renewed energy for their music projects into their Kirwan High Ensembles. The students in attendance this week are a real credit to themselves, their families, their instrumental music teachers and Kirwan State High School. I congratulate them whole-heartedly for their efforts and achievements. Please join with me in congratulating:

Isaac Barry, Jack Camp, Heath Camp, Kiara Clay, Abbie Cook, Jeremy Harris, Rhys Jenkins, Reanna Jones, Gillian Klima, Bradley Martin, Sarah Merrett, Alison Nolan, Annaliese Palmer, Hannah Royle, Courtney Searston, Katelyn Simmons, Gabe Williams, Rato Kuwimb, Callysta Morris, Chantelle Hall, Rachel Pritchard, Emily Jones, Tiarra Riley, Monique Cameron, Emily Gurman.

Mr Dale Hosking
Head of Department – The Arts
COURSES AVAILABLE IN THE EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY

Fully Funded courses for students with an interest in horses and a career in the equestrian industries.

The direct link for full information is: http://onlinehorsecollege.com/gldschools

If you - or your students - have any further questions, please contact Becky Read, either at the following email address; onlinehorsecollege.students@gmail.com or on mobile: 0478 671 925

The Great Leap Into Senior

On Friday 13th March, Year 10 will be engaged in “The Great Leap into Senior” which is the first stage of a development program to encourage them to be successful during their senior years. The program will be based around teambuilding and leadership and will run on Friday 13th March during period 4 at the Kirwan Aquatic Centre.

Students will be required to bring the following items on that day:
- Hat
- Towel
- Swimwear
- Shirt to swim in
- Sunscreen

Students will meet their teachers on the soccer field at the commencement of period 4 before moving into the Aquatic Centre and will need to get changed into their swimwear during Recess.

Alex Scobie, Louisa House Master

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected in the North Queensland Open and U15 Boys Rugby League teams:

OPEN

U15
- Kallum Delacour, Lachlan Postle, Zac Baker, Jacson Lott, Evanda Hewson, Brayden Cullen, Martin O’Brien

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

RE BUS STOP ON HUDSON STREET IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS ZONE IN HUDSON STREET OUTSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

This practice is jeopardising the safety of students and making it very difficult for school buses to drop off/pick up students.

DEFENCE NEWS

WELCOME

It’s great to see students settling into the year so well. Please don’t forget to advise me if your student is dealing with a deployed parent, as I have been going through this myself, I am always here to help and can advise teachers on your behalf. Also, just a couple of reminders for this coming week.

YEAR 7 AND 8 (ADF STUDENTS ONLY) PIZZA LUNCHES
Year 7: Thursday 12th March 2015 FY03 1st Break

EDUCATION ALLOWANCE SCHEME
All members have eighteen months from your posting date to apply for the Education Allowance Scheme. Reimbursement can be provided for tuition for primary and secondary students within the first eighteen months of enrolment at a new school. Forms available online through the Defence Community Organisation.

DEFENCE PARENTS MORNING TEA
Just a reminder that our Morning Tea is on Friday 13th March at 10.10 am. Please RSVP on 4773 8143 or email djens76@eq.edu.au for catering purposes.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS
DEFENCE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION for all defence members and families.

Contact number: 1800 624 608
GECKOS for defence members and families
Contact number: 4411 7031

Cheers
Diane Jensen
djens76@eq.edu.au
The Tuckwell Scholarship – applications are now open

We invite you and your colleagues to identify and encourage students you believe epitomise the Tuckwell Scholar ideal to apply for the Scholarship for 2016.

Applications are now open and close at 3pm (AEDT) on 20 March 2015.

We are looking for applicants who may not have considered themselves scholarship material; perhaps because they have a genuine modesty that inhibits them from putting themselves forward or because they feel their background might be a barrier to success.

For full details, including more about the Scholarship, the application process, and selection criteria:
» visit the Tuckwell website at tuckwell.anu.edu.au
» download a printable Information pack for school principals and teachers
» contact the Tuckwell Scholarship team at tuckwell@anu.edu.au

Kind regards
The Australian National University

No Ordinary Scholarship

Hear from the 2014 Tuckwell Scholars and Graham Tuckwell about their experience of this unique scholarship and the opportunities it offers.

The Bell Magazine

The first edition of The Bell magazine has just been released! This Tuckwell magazine looks back on the year that was for our current Scholars, profiling each of our first 25 students.
KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ARTS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTS

END OF TERM ONE

CONCERT

FEATURING PERFORMANCES FROM

◊ WIND SYMPHONY
◊ BIG BAND
◊ ENIGMA STRINGS ORCHESTRA
◊ CONCERT BAND
◊ WIND ENSEMBLE
◊ STAGE BAND
◊ ACE ORCHESTRA
◊ CHOIR

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015
7:00PM
KIRWAN HIGH PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION

Sausage Sizzle on Sale from 6pm

A night of non-stop entertainment presented by the students of the Kirwan State High School Arts Centre of Excellence

For more information contact Mr Dale Hosking on 47738159
AFL PLAYERS VISIT

Last Monday, 2nd March, the Kirwan High AFL Excellence students were treated to a special visit from three Gold Coast SUNS players, which was part of their community development of the game in Townsville schools. The players were in town for two days after their NAB Challenge game, visiting a range of schools, both primary and secondary. We were blessed to have SUNS captain Gary Ablett Jr, as well as two up and coming players in Brandon Matera and Kade Kolodjashnij. They attended our school for an hour session with the boys, which consisted of a thirty minute question and answer session as well as a thirty minute training session out on our oval. The way that the players interacted with the students was really beneficial for their development, and they got lots out of the session.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2

At Kirwan State High we encourage students and staff to read. We are constantly ordering popular new fiction books for students. These are in our Library collection which students can borrow from. In addition, we have another service for students… Book Club! This is an Ashton Scholastic program.

Issue 2 of Bookclub catalogues are available from the Library. Students can take these. In addition students in Lower Secondary classes will each receive a copy this week. If you want your own copy, see Library staff.

Thank you to all who supported the first issue – we ordered over $550 worth of books, and this means we will be able to order additional books for our Library shelves.

If you are ordering, use the LOOP option (on the back of the brochures). It is easy and saves time.

LIBRARY BORROWING STATISTICS WEEK 6

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Top Readers…. For the last 6 weeks

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11/03/15 Interschool Swimming Carnival
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 Year 10 Immobilisation
16/03/15 Year 12 Biology Biotechnology excursion to James Cook University
16-18/03/15 Year 8 and 10 Immobilisation
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
20/03/15 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 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
23/04/15 ARTIE Launch period 3
24/04/15 Anzac Day Parade (at school)
24/04/15 Pay It Forward Day
25/04/14 Anzac Day
30/04-03/05/15 Music Camp
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 QSSRL 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 Immobilisations
19/05/15 ICAS Digital Technologies test
21-24/05/15 QSSRL 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
29-31/05/15 Airlie Beach. Camp for International Students
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
05/06/15 Year 11 Celebration Parade—Period 1
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
16/06/15 ICAS Test Spelling 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 Abergowrie in Abergowrie
16-17/07/15 Interhouse Athletic Carnivals (16 July half day from 11.30am, 17 July all day)
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
29/07/15 Dance Night Rehearsal—Performing Arts Centre—3.30pm—5.30pm
31/07/15 Year 12 Science 21 excursion
31/07/15 Dance Night—Performing Arts Centre—7.00pm
05/08/15 Open Bears Rugby League GIO Cup North Queensland V South Queensland Semifinals
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)
21-29/02/10/15 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
26-30/10/15 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
11-15/11/15 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
24-25/11/15 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
30/11/15 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